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SEVERE FIGHTING IN CHUCHOW

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WOUNDED POUR INTO THE CAPITAL

Hankow, Yesterday.

It is reported that a clash has occurred between the forces of Tang Seng-chi and Hsu Yuan-chien, near Sinyangchow. It is generally believed that the former is not finding it expedient to advance to Wu-Han for the present, but a strong concentration is being made at Wushinkwan, in case the attack develops.

Liu Shih, replying to certain overtures by Tang, telegraphed to the latter yesterday, said he obeyed only one master, which was the Central Government, and roundly denounced Tang and the Government's other enemies. Meanwhile Hsü Chien's attitude in Hunan remains obscure.

Nanking, Yesterday. Severe fighting broke out last evening in North Chuchow, on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, a number of wounded arriving here. Five hundred men, belonging to

THRILLS OF 'VARSITY RUGBY MATCH

OXFORD DEFEAT CAMBRIDGE BY CLEAR MARGIN

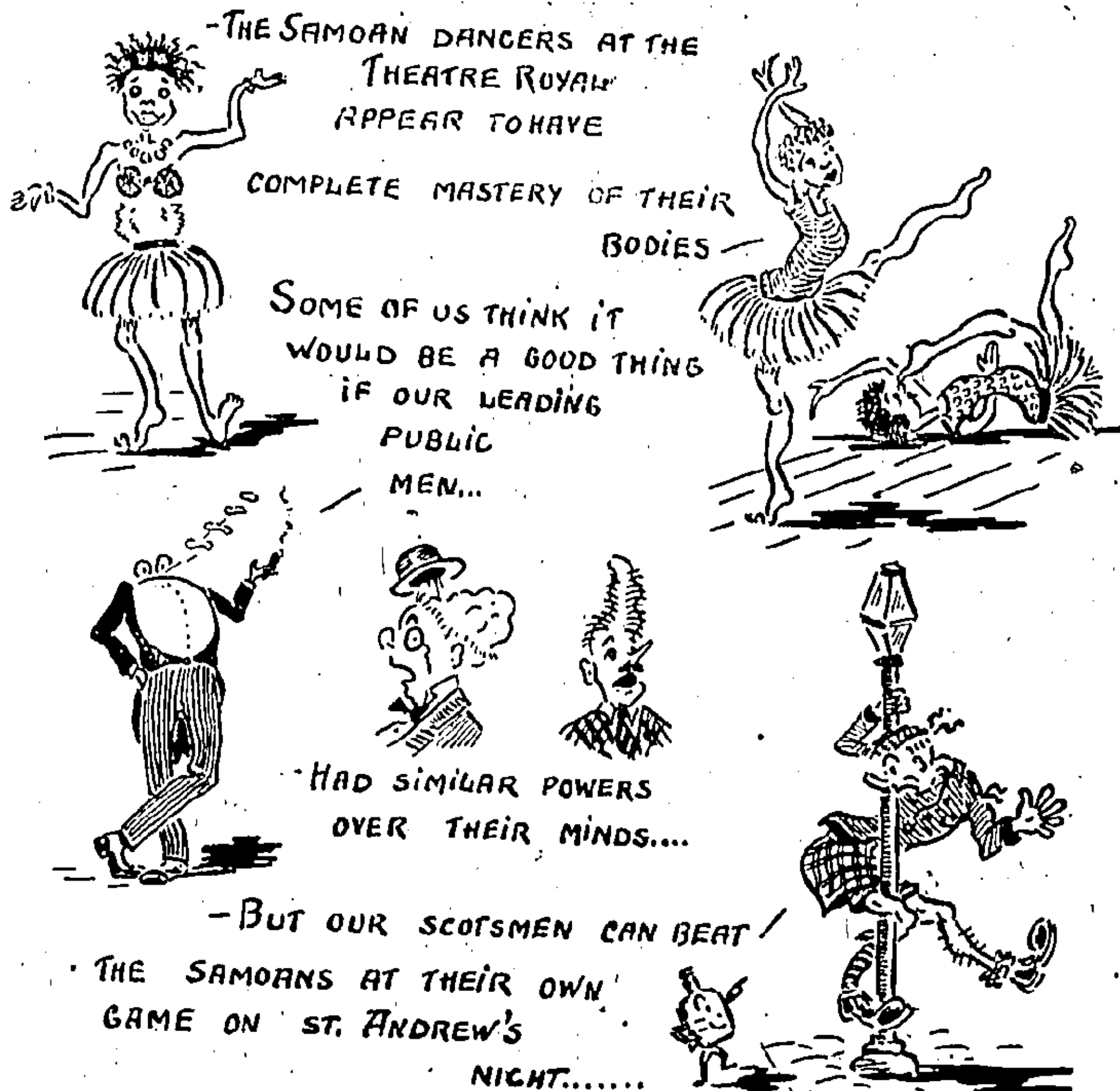
DARK BLUES' GREAT FIGHT

London, Yesterday. In a thrilling Rugby game at Twickenham to-day, Oxford University defeated Cambridge University by a goal (5 points) and a dropped goal (4 points), to nil. Twickenham, Later.

The "Empire" inter-Varsity match, so-called because of the unusual proportion of Dominion players, included, in the Oxford XV, six South Africans and one New Zealander. The game won by the Dark Blues was played before the customary enthusiastic crowd. There were 30,000 people present, including the Prince of Wales, to whom the teams were presented before the start.

Cambridge were frequently within an ace of creating a record by their fifth successive victory, but, aided by luck, great tenacity and merciless tackling, Oxford withstood assault after assault and, although rarely dangerous, particularly before the interval, managed to hang on the lead given them by Robson, who scored a try after 20 minutes, which Black converted, until the last minute of the game, when Robson confirmed the issue of a dropped goal from the "25" line.—Reuter.

"THIS HUMAN FRAME"



THE SAMOANS AT THEIR OWN GAME ON ST. ANDREW'S NIGHT.....

MODERATELY FAIR

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: The anti-cyclone is passing into the Pacific.

The typhoon is probably continuing on a westerly course towards N. Malaya. Moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. Coast of China and over the China Sea.

Forecast: — N.E. winds; moderate; fair.

ARMED ROBBERY

Four Men Remanded For Enquiries

Four men have been arrested by the Police in connection with the recent armed robbery, at 10 o'clock at night, at No. 102, Wellington Street, second floor, occupied by a pork dealer of the Central Market.

The men were produced before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham at the Central Magistracy this morning and remanded in Police custody for 48 hours for further inquiries.

It is understood that although the robbery took place in the Central district, the four men were all arrested in West Point where the Police raided two houses in Second and Third Streets. Four revolvers are stated to have been discovered at the time of the men's arrest.

DRAWING THE DOLE

Tories Support The Government

London, Yesterday. The House of Commons to-day completed the Committee stage of the Unemployment Insurance Bill, after rejecting by 279 votes to 21 a new clause moved by Labour left wingers reducing from six to three days the period a man has to wait before drawing the dole. This concession would cost about £4,000,000 a year. Liberals did not vote although some Conservative supporters supported the Government.—Reuter.

over to the Kwangsi-ites who have yet to cross the confluence of the West and North Rivers. Samshui is 30 miles west of Canton. There is no confirmation of this supposed defection. It can hardly be accepted as correct, although there has been some difference between the Cantonese and the Northerners, who are now said to have been ordered by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek to leave Canton to his fate (or salvation) and march along the East River into Fukien and Chekiang to fight for his own cause. [Earlier news on page 11.]

BATTLE NOW IN PROGRESS

CANTONESE TROOPS GAIN GROUND

EARLY REVERSE

ALLEGED DIFFERENCES WITH NORTHERNERS

"It is reported that a battle is in progress in a position between 20 and 30 miles north-east of Canton. Government troops are apparently gaining ground although they met with a reverse in the first instance."

The foregoing was sent down by impartial observers yesterday. It bears out a report received by the "China Mail" that hostilities have been resumed; but the position indicated is confusing.

Hitherto the Ironsides have been about 40 miles north or N.N.W. of

THE "HAICHING"

Admiralty's Tribute To Gallant Seamen

London, Yesterday. The Admiralty has cabled to Vice-Admiral Walstedt, expressing its admiration of the gallantry of the Captain and officers of the crew of the Douglas steamer "Haiching," which was pirated on Sunday morning in Blas Bay.—Reuter.

AN OPIUM PEDLAR

Business On Ships In Harbour

"Simply an opium pedlar," said Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy before whom a Chinese was charged with the unlawful possession of six packs of prepared opium on board the B.I. s.s. "Talamba" at the Kowloon Wharves.

Detective Sergeant W. G. Humphreys pointed out that the accused was a dealer in illicit opium, as he had pots and pipes with him as he boarded the different vessels in port. Although the amount was small, he was charged because everything went to show that he was, no doubt, an offender against the Opium Ordinance.

A fine of \$300, with the alternative of three months' hard labour, was imposed.

By the Court: The ship was discharging at the time and there was no steam on in the main engine. Accused's duty that afternoon was to attend to the safety valves of the boiler. Accused was suspended from duty that evening.

Refused to Leave

Mr. Harry Trevor, chief engineer said, that on the afternoon of December 5, accused was supposed to be on duty in the engine-room. He went down below at 3 p.m. when he found the accused drunk. Mr. Cordiner was not in a fit state to attend to his work, so witness ordered him away from the engine-room. Accused, however, refused to leave.

Witness then went on deck and told the fourth engineer to bring the accused to him. When Mr. Cordiner was brought up to his cabin, witness again ordered him to keep away from the engine-room and at the same time drew the attention of the chief officer to accused's condition. He made a report to the captain after the latter had returned to the ship. Later witness went down to the engine-room where he again found the accused.

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This closed the case for the prosecution. Mr. Cordiner when asked if he chose to make a statement, on oath or otherwise, said that he would leave it to the chief engineer. When asked to explain as to what he meant, he said that he did not want to make a statement because he was not denying the charge.

The Court then adjourned to consider the finding, and after an absence of twenty minutes, returned the following decision: "We find that Mr. Alexander James Cordiner, whilst on the articles as second engineer of the s.s. "Fortune," did commit an act of gross misconduct in that he was drunk on duty on December 5, We therefore adjudge him to be reprimanded."

Party Protection

Meantime, Tang Seng-chi appears to have proved the present neutrality of Talyuanfu, as by his orders his Peking headquarters are placed with the sign "Headquarters of the Fourth Route of the Expedition for the Salvation of the Nation, and Protection of the Party," which is the name adopted by himself, Shih Yusan, Han Fuchun, Sung Chieh-yuan and their fellow rebels.—Reuter.

CHARGE AGAINST ENGINEER

SHIP'S OFFICER REPRIMANDED FOR BEING DRUNK

GROSS MISCONDUCT

A full court of enquiry assembled at the Harbour Office this morning to investigate into the alleged charges of misconduct preferred against Mr. A. J. Cordiner, second engineer of the s.s. "Fortune," by Capt. E. J. Niblett, master of the same ship.

The Court, composed of the Harbour Master, Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., sitting as President and Stipendiary Magistrate, and the assessors were: Lieut.-Comdr. L. G. Addington, D.S.O., R.N. (H.M.S. "Tamar"), Mr. D. L. C. Evans (master, s.s. "Teucer"), Mr. A. L. Miller (chief engineer, s.s. "Chak Sang"), and Mr. W. Niblock (chief engineer, s.s. "Kwangchow").

The accused was not legally represented.

Found Drunk

Giving evidence for the prosecution, Capt. E. J. Niblett, master of the "Fortune," said that Mr. Cordiner had been found drunk on two occasions. The first time accused got drunk whilst on duty was when the ship was making a passage to the Suez Canal. He made no entry in the official log book, but ...

The President: I cannot take cognizance of anything that is not entered in the official log book. Please proceed with the second incident.

Continuing, Capt. Niblett said that on December 5, when the ship was in Hong Kong harbour, the chief engineer made a report to him to the effect that Mr. Cordiner was again drunk whilst on duty in the engine-room. On the strength of that report, he made an entry in the official log book.

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HAICHING PIRACY SEQUEL

ORDER FROM HEADQUARTERS COMMAND

"FIGHT TO LAST"

EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF MERCHANT MARINE

Following the attempted piracy of the Douglas Co.'s s.s. "Haiching," H.E. the General Officer Commanding the British Troops in China (Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.) has issued a circular from headquarters in Hong Kong.

It is pointed out to all officers and men of the Garrison serving on anti-piracy duties on British vessels that, needless to say, they are expected to fight to the last irrespective of casualties. In other words, the opportunity is taken to point to the excellent example set by the civilian officers and Indian guards of the "Haiching" (and as has been done before in other episodes of the China Sea) and to emphasise—from the Military point of view—the unde-

FULL PIRACY STORY

A full report of the piracy of the steamer "Haiching" will be published in the "Overland China Mail," together with special photographs of the vessel before and after the attack.

The usual Pictorial Supplement will also be included in this week's "Overland China Mail," which will be ready on Friday Morning.

To avoid disappointment orders, which will be fulfilled in strict rotation, should be sent in at once.

desirability of letting pirates assume control when there is still a British soldier left on the ship in question.

THE DANGER ZONE

The Canadian Pacific Co.'s "Empress" liners carry a guard of British troops between Hong Kong and Shanghai and vice versa. Several other British lines in the "danger zone," anywhere between Singapore and North China, have similar protection, the guarding on each vessel usually comprising an officer and about a dozen men. The China Navigation Co., the Indo-China S.N. Co., the B.I. line and others are included. But the Douglas Co. had Indian guards furnished by the Hong Kong Police.

WOUNDED SUSPECTS

Inquiries made by a "China Mail" man at Police Headquarters this morning elicited the information that over twenty of the men who were removed from the pirated s.s. "Haiching" are still being held for investigation.

It was also learned that "about four" of the wounded Chinese at present in the Government Civil Hospital are suspects.

The "Mail" man pointed out that there were more than four men in the "No. 13 Prison Ward" at the hospital, but was assured that the fact that a man was placed in "No. 13" did not signify that he was a suspect.

UNDER GUARD

It was explained that two wards, Nos. 11 and 13, were set aside for the accommodation of the wounded brought ashore from the "Haiching" and both wards have been under Police guard since Sunday. The "shuffling up" of the injured has been completed and to-day Police Officers will now take steps to separate the suspects from the others.

The four suspects now in hospital and the eight reported yesterday as being held at Police Headquarters bring the total to 12, and, in addition, there are at least three men among the dead who are suspected of having been pirates. The man who died in hospital yesterday is described as a suspicious character, this in spite of the fact that he had been previously listed as a travelling salesman.

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CHRISTMAS SUPPLEMENT

The annual Christmas Supplement of the "China Mail" will be included in our issue of Saturday.

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the Fourth Brigade, were disarmed here this afternoon without resistance, although well-armed with machine guns. Part of Lin Shih's first division from Hankow arrived this morning.

Two conferences regarding the future of Shanghai Provisional Court were held to-day. The city is quiet but uneasy.

THE C.E.R. DISPUTE

Tokyo, Yesterday.

A message from Harbin states that Tsai Yun-sheng left this afternoon for Habarovsk via Pogranchnaya, to resume the parley with Simanovski for a settlement of the C.E.R. conflict. Incidentally, it is reported that trains are already running between Manchuria and Hallar, the damaged tracks being repaired by Soviet troops, who are said to continue the occupation of two towns, with a view to accelerating the present Sino-Soviet negotiations.

Mukden, Yesterday. Mo Teh-huei, a former Civil Governor of Mukden, has been recommended by Mukden as a plenipotentiary delegate. His appointment by the Central Government is awaited. Russian aeroplanes bombed Boketu on December 7.—Reuter.

LOCAL TROOPS TO REMAIN

The "China Mail" understands from a reliable source that any previous preparation in the Hong Kong area of the China Command to send a battalion of Infantry (either the 1st Bn. Somerset Light Infantry or the 2nd Bn. King's Own Scottish Borderers, probably the former) to Shanghai to reinforce the British troops in that area, have now been discontinued, as it is felt that the units in Shanghai will be sufficient to protect British life and property.

SERIOUS TROUBLE

Serious trouble in or around the International Settlement of Shanghai is not anticipated, although the feeling with regard to Nanking which, normally, is eight hours by train, or 200 miles by rivers, is not so confident.

H.M.S. "Suffolk" and "Berwick," two of the five 10,000-ton cruisers of the China Station, have been sent up to Shanghai and Nanking. H.M.S. "Gorham," a sister ship which has been undergoing repairs in the Hong Kong &

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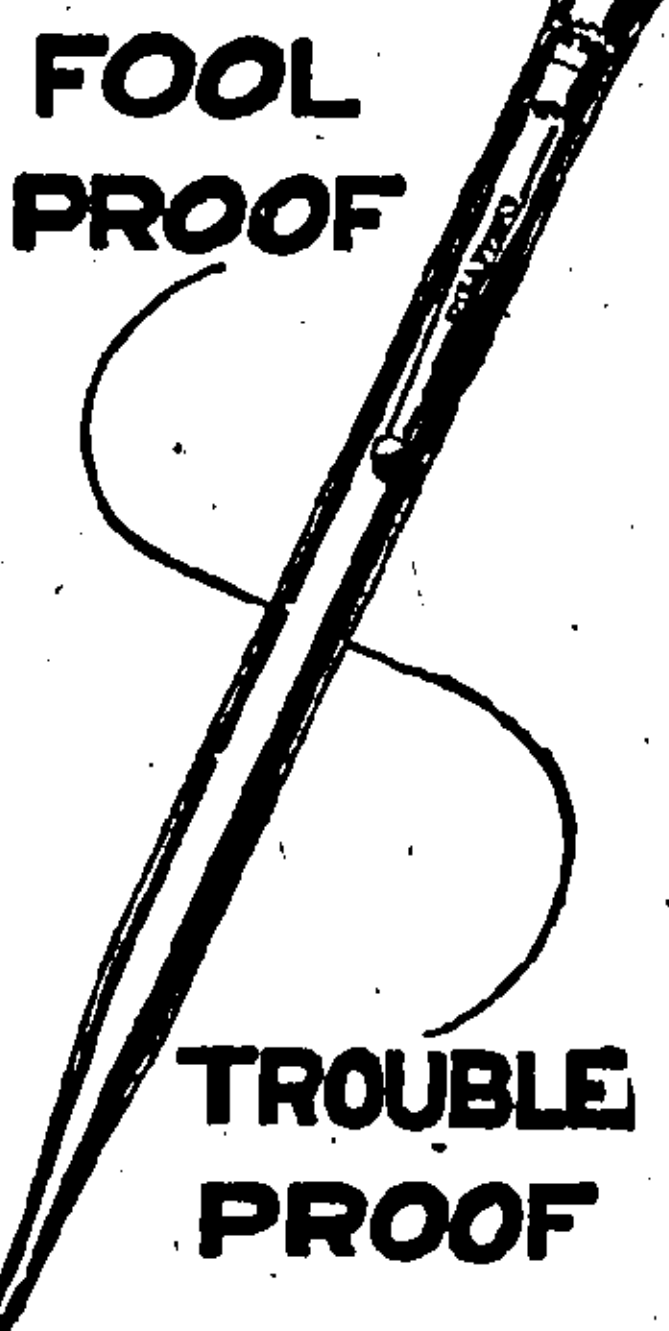
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With reference to the Notice dated 7th November, 1929, of the Resolution of the Directors to offer to Shareholders Additional Shares in the proportion of one new share for every four existing shares. Shareholders are reminded that such additional shares will be offered only in respect of the existing shares of which they are the actual registered holders at the date of the Ordinary Yearly Meeting, i.e., 21st December, 1929. Due notice will be sent to each Shareholder of the number of additional shares to which he will be entitled.

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COLONY'S WATER SUPPLY

STORAGE DECREASING IN
ISLAND
CONSUMPTION HIGHER

The "China Mail" is officially informed that the total storage in the island reservoirs on Monday morning, amounted to 1,464.37 million gallons, showing a decrease of 50.43 million gallons during the past week.

The week's consumption amounted to 47.42 million gallons. In Kowloon the total storage in the mainland reservoirs on Monday morning amounted to 489.90 million gallons, showing a decrease of 6.64 million gallons during the past week.

The week's consumption amounted to 27.11 million gallons, not including 1.79 million gallons supplied to Water Boats at Laichikok. The yield from the Shing Mun River and streams during the week was 22.26 million gallons.

The following shows the amount in storage (million gallons) on the dates named:

	Hong Kong	Mainland
April 22	326.38	186.81
" 29	327.28	117.44
May 6	311.72	121.06
" 13	309.34	125.34
" 20	288.97	115.90
" 27	281.03	102.16
June 3	237.00	87.98
" 10	212.71	86.81
" 17	102.75	80.51
" 24	177.62	100.32
July 1	176.54	114.27
" 8	157.79	105.52
" 15	352.97	207.31
" 22	480.22	277.00
" 29	593.80	397.04
Aug. 5	1,251.80	438.53
" 12	1,356.64	442.36
" 19	1,616.86	452.35
" 26	1,789.09	491.41
Sept. 2	1,878.13	497.99
" 9	1,514.02	436.71
" 16	1,906.81	490.35
" 23	1,881.01	501.32
" 30	1,884.24	513.80
Oct. 7	1,880.13	514.98
" 14	1,830.64	515.03
" 21	1,794.29	514.87
" 28	1,749.50	514.81
Nov. 4	1,699.68	514.84
" 11	1,656.60	513.48
" 18	1,608.73	514.73
" 25	1,561.20	505.89
Dec. 2	1,514.80	490.54
" 9	1,464.37	489.90

The following figures show the weekly consumption (million gallons) on the dates mentioned:—

	Hong Kong	Mainland
April 22	37.66	30.78
" 29	37.50	29.33
May 6	33.08	27.17
" 13	30.67	25.07
" 20	31.93	25.06
" 27	33.88	25.36
June 3	27.48	24.88
" 10	27.37	19.59
" 17	30.18	14.04
" 24	27.14	11.08
July 1	27.21	20.71
" 8	27.25	19.91
" 15	26.77	17.87
" 22	25.92	23.28
" 29	31.63	22.31
Aug. 5	31.85	25.17
" 12	38.27	26.23
" 19	30.80	25.88
" 26	61.47	26.81
Sept. 2	50.66	27.62
" 9	51.47	27.30
" 16	57.25	28.23
" 23	58.41	28.67
" 30	57.20	29.09
Oct. 7	54.90	26.70
" 14	55.16	26.97
" 21	54.88	26.92
" 28	54.29	27.19
Nov. 4	54.22	26.81
" 11	51.55	26.87
" 18	48.87	26.46
" 25	45.63	26.79
Dec. 2	46.90	26.64
" 9	47.42	27.11

SANITARY BOARD

The fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday afternoon. There was nothing of public interest on the agenda. Major D. G. Cheyne, O.B.E., M.C., R.A.M.C., would take the place on the Board of Lieut.-Col. and Brevet Col. J. S. Bostock, C.B.E., R.A.M.C., and that the next meeting would be held on December 23 at 4 p.m. The other business was formal.

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FUNERAL AT HAPPY VALLEY

OLD COLLEAGUES PRESENT

Captain Arthur Herbert Walker, for many years in the service of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, whose death at the French Hospital was reported yesterday, was buried in the Protestant cemetery, Happy Valley, last evening. There was a large attendance of friends and old colleagues. The Rev. N. V. Howard conducted the service.

The chief mourners were Miss Dorothy Aynall (step-daughter), and Messrs. R. A. Colman and F. P. Lenoxy (brothers-in-law). Amongst other present were Mr. C. M. Mannes, Mr. J. E. Anderson, Mrs. Spittles, Mr. W. Anderson, Capt. Ashby, Capt. Robertson, Mr. E. J. Ainslie, Mr. C. C. Nelson, and Mr. F. E. Lawrence.

The large number of wreaths included the following:—

"From his loving wife," Mater and Dad, Dorothy, sisters and brothers-in-law, Dede, Freddie, George, Ron and Edna, Sis and Gerald, Lionel and Myrtle, Hoba and family.
Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Tully, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Bunje, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Dunby, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hart, Mrs. Capell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Goggin, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taggart, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Stapleton, Mr. and Mrs. B. Pasco, Mr. and Mrs. L. Jack, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ainslie, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Mannes, Capt. and Mrs. Allan H. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Penton (Shanghai), Miss Susy Higgins, Mrs. Spittles, Mr. L. J. Blackburn and Miss Blackburn.
Capt. R. Ashby, Capt. Robertson, Capt. E. D. Penhale, Mr. Kenneth E. Greig, Mr. J. E. Hansen, Mr. J. Thayer, Mr. T. H. R. Shaw, Mr. M. Weller, Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, Talkoo Dockyard and Engineering Co., Taku Pilots, Tientsin, V. M. and Brethren of Royal Sussex Lodge No. 501, E. C. Shanghai.

NATIVE WINE Charge Of Defrauding The Revenue

Yesterday afternoon Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith heard further evidence in the case in which two Chinese men and a woman are charged on several counts of defrauding the King's revenue in connection with dutiable native wine. The woman is described as the licensee of the Tung Cheung distillery whilst one of the men is said to be the "use factor" of the distillery. The other man is described as unemployed. The distillery was visited by Mr. H. A. Taylor on October 23. He discovered differences in the mash being fermented, some jars being dusty and covered with cobwebs, whilst others, which, according to the books, had been "put on" at the same time, were absolutely clean. Certain other discoveries were also made which were not in accordance with the books. A further adjournment was given.

A WEEK'S DISEASES

The following diseases were notified to the Medical Officer of Health during the week ended December 7:—

	Cases	Deaths
Typhoid Fever	2	1
Small-pox	9	8
Diphtheria	6	2
Influenza	0	4
Malaria	0	12
Tuberculosis	0	58

Two of the typhoid cases were non-Chinese, as were two diphtheria and one tuberculosis. On Monday 12 cases of small-pox were notified.

According to a Chinese press telegram, Chinese residents of the Malaya States, the Dutch East Indies, Siam, Annam, Borneo and the Philippine Islands have contributed half a million dollars towards the Tsai Kung-shih University, to be erected in Teinan in memory of Mr. Tsai Kung-shih, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs in that city at the time of the Sino-Japanese clash, during which he lost his life.

A boy who was adopted as a baby by a Sheffield man in 1914, in reply to an advertisement, may, it is suggested, be the heir to a New Jersey merchant's fortune of \$150,000.

Mr. H. P. Macmillan, K.C., is to preside over a Committee of Inquiry appointed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

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YOKOHAMA MARU	Wednesday, 25th December.
MISHIMA MARU	Thursday, 26th December.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez.	Saturday, 14th December.
IAKONE MARU	Saturday, 28th December.
SUWA MARU	Wednesday, 25th December.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	Thursday, 26th December.
TANGO MARU	Friday, 27th December.
AKI MARU	Saturday, 28th December.
HOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	Monday, 16th December.
TASMANIA MARU	Friday, 27th December.
TOTTORI MARU	Saturday, 28th December.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.	Sunday, 22nd December.
ANYO MARU	Monday, 23rd December.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.	Thursday, 26th December.
KAMAKURA MARU	Friday, 27th December.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	Saturday, 14th December.
TAKAKA MARU	Sunday, 22nd December.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Constantinople, Genoa.	Saturday, 14th December.
DAKAR MARU	Sunday, 22nd December.
CAICUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Sunday, 15th December.
MURORAN MARU	Sunday, 22nd December.
AKITA MARU	Sunday, 29th December.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	Monday, 16th December.
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ANDES MARU	Friday, 13th December.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—via Saigon, Singapore,	Tuesday, 24th December.
MANILA MARU	Friday, 20th December.
BOMBAY—via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Friday, 30th December.
SUMATRA MARU	Friday, 30th December.
MEIGEN MARU	Friday, 30th December.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOHOMBA—via Singapore & Colombo.	Thursday, 2nd January.
CAICUTTA—via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Thursday, 19th December.
CELEBES MARU	Thursday, 19th December.
TACOMA MARU	Thursday, 19th December.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—via Japan Ports from Shanghai.	Sunday, 22nd December.
PARIS MARU	Friday, 27th December.
ALABAMA MARU (From Shanghai)	Friday, 27th December.
MELBOURNE—via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	Friday, 13th December.
SYDNEY MARU	Friday, 13th December.
HAIPHONG—via Hanoi & Pakhoi.	Thursday, 12th Dec, 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.	Wednesday, 8th January.
HAVANA MARU	Wednesday, 8th January.
JAPAN PORTS.	
NITTO MARU (via Keelung)	Wednesday, 11th December.
ATLAS MARU	Friday, 13th December.
SEATTLE MARU	Tuesday, 24th December.
HONOLULU MARU	Sunday, 29th December.
KEELUNG—via Swatow & Amoy.	Sunday, 15th Dec, Noon.
HOAN MARU	Sunday, 15th Dec, Noon.
CANTON MARU	Sunday, 22nd Dec, Noon.
TAKAO—via SWATOW & AMOY.	Thursday, 19th Dec, 10 a.m.
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LORD FISHER

"Lord Fisher of Kilvestone was a great man in fact, history will probably relate that he was the most remarkable Englishman that the century has so far seen." With these words Admiral Sir R. H. Bacon opens the foreword of his biography of Lord Fisher, published by Hodder and Stoughton. The author of these two important volumes served for some years in close contact with Lord Fisher, and has had access to the mass of papers and letters he left. Lord Fisher was a prolific writer from his youth to the time of his death; he was a pugilist and a lover of an apt quotation. Throughout the book memos and letters written by him at different stages of his career are quoted in profusion; the great majority of these have never appeared before, and in themselves form a running commentary not only on Fisher's own life, but on the development of the Navy during the past seventy years. The author, in many cases from first-hand knowledge, interpolates the inner history of the various crises of Lord Fisher's career, and these very ably written explanations add greatly to the value of the work.

Fearless Fighter

Fisher was a fearless fighter throughout his life; he made many enemies and many friends; by all he was respected, and his biography will establish his reputation for all time. We see him joining the "Victory" at Portsmouth in 1845, a penniless midshipman without influence, in days when life at sea was hard and men were still fogged. One of his early experiences was to be made to walk the quarterdeck with a coil of rope round his neck as a punishment for some offence, because the Commander thought "he was born to be hung." Soon he came out to China, and his letters recount his life there, his adventures at the Pei-ho River, and he describes how his Captain went into battle "in a tall white hat with a gold stripe on the side of it, a Post Captain's uniform, tail coat, a yellow waistcoat, white trousers and a white umbrella, which he used to cheer on." "We got there alright." Soon promoted, he became a gunnery lieutenant, and we see him turn the "Warrior," then the wonder of the Navy, into an efficient fighting ship. As Captain of the "Excellent" he was responsible for the introduction of the torpedo, and later founded Whale Island, the present Gunnery School. As a Captain at sea he was a hard taskmaster. Joining the "Bellerophon," he was not satisfied with the armaments of the ship, and he told the officers and men in and said:—"Now, I am going to give you three months' Hell, and if you have not come up to my standard by that time you will get another three months' Hell." There was no necessity for the second three months, and the story typifies the Admiral of later years. After commanding the "Inflexible" at the bombardment of Alexandria, he went to the "Excellent," and makes stringent comments upon what he calls "the forty years' routine," which he proceeded to alter drastically. As Director of Naval Ordnance, he began the series of far-reaching reforms which still remain to his credit and laid the foundations of the modern Navy. He had to fight every inch of the way, and his comments are illuminating. At Portsmouth, as Admiral Superintendent he shook the then slumberous establishment out of its torpor so that a few years later it was able to build the "Dreadnought" in one year and one day.

"Like the Devil"

His method there was, "When you are told that a thing is impossible, and that there are insuperable objections, then it is time to fight like the devil," and he did. And tells us in his cryptic letters how he did it. He took the same spirit with him to the Admiralty. As controller of the Navy, he went through the organization of his department with a fine comb. He won his strenuous fights for the destroyers, and for the water-tube boiler. Here he met great opposition,

and adopted as his motto "Fiat Justitia, Ruat Cælum," which he translates as "Do right and damn the odds." He never liked politicians, and is sometimes brutally outspoken about them. Whilst flying his flag in the "Renown" in North America and the Mediterranean, Fisher put in practice many new methods. Coming back to the Admiralty as Second Sea Lord, he introduced the new scheme of education for officers and many alterations for the comfort of the men. It was another great right, and he tells how he won it. This period of Fisher's life's work has now borne fruit in the efficient and contented personnel of the Fleet of to-day. In his period of five years as First Sea Lord the whole Navy was reorganised; with his famous "stroke of the pen" 154 ships were struck off the list; the "Dreadnought" was conceived and built; the Fleet reconstituted and the Reserve remade. In all this work he met continual opposition both from inside and outside the Service. He had a staunch friend in King Edward VII. of whom he writes:—"It is a good thing to have a King who knows how to act, as Cabinet Ministers seem to me to be always like a lot of frightened rabbits." The end of his time in office was marred by the Boreasford incident. It is fully and impartially described, and there are documents which show it up in a fresh light.

They Had to Grow

Leaving the Admiralty in 1910, Fisher had a little rest. One who knew him well said at the time, "So Jacky is growing roses is he? Well, all I've got to say is that those roses will be damned well have to grow!" That was the man—even at his advanced age everything he tackled had to go at full speed. When he left the Admiralty he forecast the date of the outbreak of the War within two months, and for four years after his prophecy he was a silent power guiding the preparation of the Fleet for the test he knew was coming. He returned to the Admiralty after the outbreak of war, and in spite of his 75 years, showed indomitable energy. But he was obviously not the man he had been, and the story of that six months' struggle through piquant letters that passed between those in high authority are reproduced for the first time. These culminate, on his threat of resignation in a court martial before the Prime Minister:—"In the King's Name I order you to remain at your post." He did so for only a few days. The position was impossible and Lord Fisher's resignation was accepted. For the rest of the war he adopted the policy of "Never explain," but in some of the last letters to intimate friends he opens his heart, and shows the reasons for his actions and his feelings at the time. Lord Fisher gave his whole life to the service of the Navy that he loved, and up to man living did more to build up our supremacy at sea, in the end, brought about the surrender of the German ships. This is a great story of a great life, and Admiral Bacon's work, in every way, does full justice to its subject.

PALATIAL LINERS

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Contracts have been signed for two electrically-driven passenger ships of a fleet of six new vessels planned by the Dollar Steamship Line, Inc., for the round-the-world and a trans-Pacific service, according to word received in Seattle from San Francisco. The first of the new ships will be ready for delivery October 1, 1931, and the second February 1, 1932.

The vessels will have airplane catapults, like the newest of the trans-Atlantic liners. The airplane facilities will be provided not only to expedite the delivery of mail at ports of call, but also for use of passengers who wish to make sightseeing trips into the interior of the foreign countries visited.

The new liners will be 653 feet long over all and 630 feet long at the waterline, 81 feet beam moulded, and will have a displacement at designed load of 31,000 tons and a trial trip condition at more than 21 knots so as to classify them as Class II vessels under the Merchant Marine Act of 1920, which requires vessels capable of maintaining a speed of 20 knots at sea in ordinary weather.

Passenger accommodations will be provided aboard each of the new liners for 332 first cabin, 140 tourist class and 772 Oriental steerage travellers. The new ships will carry a crew of about 300 men.

The Shipping Board last September approved a loan under the Jones-White act to the Dollar Steamship Line, Inc., of \$10,765,000 for the construction of the first two of the six new liners. The loan is to be built by the Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Company at Newport News, Va. The loan represents three-quarters of the cost of construction.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Batavia, Yesterday. Agents here deny that the Klavens Line has refused to join the Java Pacific Conference. They say the line proposes strictly to adhere to Conference rates.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE

Consignees of cargo on S.S. "Katabo" are requested to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after December 12.

TERRIBLE TOLL OF THE GALE

CHURCH TOWER TORN OFF: WORST STORMS FOR YEARS

ENGLAND UNDER WATER

London, Yesterday. One hundred thousand tons of shipping are already wholly or partially casualties during the past week's gales, but marine insurance interests are of opinion that although the losses are heavy, they are lucky that they are not commensurate with the violence of the gales.

Rarely if ever have so many telegrams been posted at Lloyds, as was the case when 200 telegrams relating to ships were received. The full extent of damage caused to shipping may not be known for over twelve months, for many of the vessels damaged have proceeded on their voyages, and will be repaired abroad. All captains of arriving ships report the worst weather they have ever known.

Floods are getting worse in many parts of the country, and there are three inches of snow in Yorkshire. There are the gravest fears of a renewal of last year's Thames floods, and the town of Reading has become an island. Lakes several miles wide are dotted here and there along the Thames Valley, whilst many main roads are covered.

The total rainfall in the past ten weeks is almost the same as the average rainfall in the Thames Valley for the whole six winter months.

Reuter.

Paris, Yesterday. At least 70 French seamen have been drowned in the present storm, according to "Le Journal's" estimate. The arrival of a Channel steamer has become a lively spectacle. Two members of the crowd watching the buffeted vessel from the Dieppe jetty were swept from their feet by a heavy sea and drowned.

The gale tore off the tower of St. Martin's church at Boulogne, and several worshippers were injured.

Foreign Steamers Wrecked

Reports reaching London from Germany, France and Holland reveal that the storm has created considerable havoc in these countries. Fifty steamers were unable to put to sea from Hamburg, while S.O.S. calls were received from numerous ships in the North Sea, including the tug "Elli Woermann" which towed the "Emden," which was in acute distress.

Her rudder was carried away by a terrific sea and when a Dutch tug came to her rescue, she was drifting helplessly on to some sandbanks. The tug towed her to London.

Total Wrecks

Three steamers have been stranded at the mouth of the Elbe and are likely to prove total wrecks. The tug "Iroise" from Brest, towed for a day and a night the waterlogged and helpless Danish freighter "Helen," which was badly battered on leaving Ushant.

The effort to save the ship proved unavailing. The vessel sank when nearing safety, and the "Iroise" saved her crew, who jumped into the sea. The only man missing is one of the "Helen's" officers.

The "Iroise" then responded to the S.O.S. of the Spanish steamer "Galadana" and towed her in. She then went to sea again on receipt of three S.O.S. calls from two British and one Italian steamers.—Reuter.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The Ben Line s.s. "Bendoran" from Middlebrook, London, Straits and Manila left Manila for this port on December 9 p.m., and is due to arrive here on December 13, a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on December 7, and is due here on December 28. She will call for Manila at 5 p.m. on the same day.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Shanghai on December 9 (Mon.) at 8 a.m., left Shanghai on December 10 (Tues.) at 8 a.m., and is due at Hong Kong on December 12 (Thurs.) at 7 a.m. She sails for Manila on December 12 (Thurs.) at 5 p.m.

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EMPRESS OF FRANCE

Record Voyage Home From Hong Kong

The local General Agent, Passenger Department, of the C.P.S. has received a cable from the London Office, advising that the "Empress of France" arrived in Liverpool on Sunday afternoon.

The "Empress of France" sailed from Hong Kong at noon on November 16 for a direct trip to Liverpool via the Suez Canal, and by arriving in Liverpool at noon on December 8, has made a record breaking trip, taking 22 days (Hong Kong to Liverpool).

The "Empress of France" was scheduled to return to Europe from Hong Kong via Victoria, Vancouver and Panama Canal, but owing to the unfortunate incident to the "Empress of Canada" it was necessary for the "Empress of France" to return to the Orient, carrying the passengers that had been booked for the "Em-

press of Canada." As previous arrangements for "Dry Docking" the "Empress of France" had been made in Britain, it was necessary that she should return from Hong Kong by the shortest and quickest route, as considerable alterations are to be made on this steamer before she enters in the usual Winter "Cruising Season" from New York.

WARSHIPS IN PORT

British warships in port this morning were:—In basin of R.N. Dockyard: "Tamar," "Petersfield," "Magnolia," "Seamew," "Marazion," "Cornflower," "Sirdar." At north arm: "Starling." West wall: "Kent" (flagship). In Dock: "Sepoy," "Seraph." Whampoa Dock: "Cornwall." No. 4 Buoy: "Herald." No. 5 Buoy: "Hermes." No. 7 Buoy: "Troilus." The only foreign man of war in port was the Italian cruiser "Libia."

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TAKADA	6,949	14th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TALMA	10,000	28th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKIWA	7,936	10th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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TAKADA	6,949	24th Dec.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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"NICE" QUESTIONS

Some very nice questions of law were raised though not decided in an action which was heard recently in Melbourne before Sir William Irvine arising out of two collisions between the "Edina" and the tug "Hovell." The "Edina" is owned by the Australian Steamship Pty., Ltd., and the tug by the Melbourne Harbour Trust. The steamer ran into the tug, which sank about 200 yards from the entrance to the River Yarra, with the result that \$255 was spent in raising her and \$264 in repairs. The Harbour Trust claimed that these and other items should be paid by the Company, which denied liability. At the hearing the Company was ordered to pay £1,400, but not before two questions, both of which were answered in favour of the Harbour Trust, had been put to the jury. Was the accident due to negligence on the part of the "Edina"? Was the accident due to any negligence on the part of the crew of the "Hovell"? The Chief Justice remarked that if both crews had been guilty of negligence either could sue the other, and added that a knotty problem would be presented to a jury which would be inclined to hold that there were faults on both sides. It is not advisable to discuss this knotty problem here, as the counsel for the unsuccessful company has thrown out hints of an appeal. Reference, however, may be made to an English case decided a few months ago, in which a similar problem was discussed. It is usually said that the most important difference between actions for negligence in Admiralty and at Common Law is to be found in the consequences of contributory negligence. If a man is run over by a motor car it is an answer to his claim for his damages that he was negligent as well as the driver of the car, and that the foot-passenger can recover nothing. If two vessels collide and each is in some degree responsible for the accident a Court may apportion the damage according to the extent of blame. But this is a too summary way of stating the position. Supposing a vessel is negligently anchored in a position in which she has no right to be and supposing another vessel, knowing that she is in a wrong position and having time to avoid her, carries on and collides with her and is injured, then that vessel can recover nothing. The accident was caused not by the vessel which was originally negligent, but by the other, which, having an opportunity to escape, did not take it. The position would be different if the oncoming vessel had no opportunity of seeing the vessel at anchor or if, after that vessel had not been seen, the master of the oncoming vessel which to make up his mind how to avoid her. Some very fine distinctions have been taken in the reported cases, but they can be boiled down to a search for what was the immediate or proximate cause of the collision. One rule is stated in the words: "In cases of antecedent and subsequent fault or negligence a party by his antecedent fault is not supposed to have even partly caused the damage by collision if the other party afterwards could have avoided the damage by the exercise of reasonable care and ordinary skill." Simultaneous negligence, however, is on a different plane. "It is possible," said Lord Phillimore, "to give weight to an act of negligence which embarrasses the other party while at the same time not acquitting the other party," which is another way of saying that damages may be apportioned according to the degree of blame. In the particular case in which these observations were uttered a barge named the "Hydrogen" was proceeding on Milton Creek River when she collided with another barge, the "Vectis." The barge would have been harmless enough had not the anchor of the "Vectis" at the time been carried in a position which was forbidden by the Milton Creek by-laws. It was argued that the master of the "Hydrogen" knew of the position of the anchor and took the risk of coming into contact with it when the rise of the flood tide swung the "Hydrogen," which was aground athwart the creek, and into contact with the "Vectis," lying moored on the opposite bank. After two hearings it was found that the evidence had not established either knowledge of the position of the anchor, or negligence on the part of the master of the "Hydrogen," and the owners of the "Vectis" were ordered to pay damages. The facts are too complicated to be stated in detail, but we may add that the Court refused to treat the "Hydrogen" as a vessel under way colliding with a moored vessel, and therefore negligent.

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"HAICHING" PIRACY

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HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Mr. Perry, the Chief Officer, is recovering in the Government Civil Hospital. An inquiry about him to-day brought a satisfactory reply. The other 21 are still under treatment, including the boy of 14 who is in danger.

One of the 23 originally sent to hospital, Lo Siu-fan, described as a shop assistant, died yesterday afternoon. He was the only one lowered from shipboard in a strait-jacket. Although he was placed in "No. 13," he was afterwards said to be possibly not one of the suspects and relatives came forward to apply for the body for burial.

Neither witnesses nor the gallant defenders of the "Haiching" have yet been brought to the hospital in order, if possible, to identify any of the suspects.

INDIAN GUARD'S FUNERAL

The funeral of the Indian guard, Khial Singh, who was shot dead in his sleep, took place yesterday. The cortege left the Victoria Mortuary at 3 p.m., followed by a contingent of Indian Police, a representative from the H.K. and Singapore Brigade, Royal Artillery, with which the deceased had served for 22 years, and a company of Indian guards.

His remains were cremated at the Sikhs' Temple.

HONG KONG TIDE

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of 14 years' observations taken at the Kowloon tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Dobereck during the years 1887, 1888 and 1889.

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December 11 to 17, 1929.

DATE	Standard Time	High Water	Standard Time	Low Water
Wed. 11	m 4 8	5.3	m 11 28	2.5
Thurs. 12	m 5 27	5.4	m 0 4	2.8
Fri. 13	m 6 49	5.5	m 1 5	2.9
Sat. 14	m 7 54	5.6	m 1 55	3.1
Sun. 15	m 9 07	5.7	m 3 48	3.5
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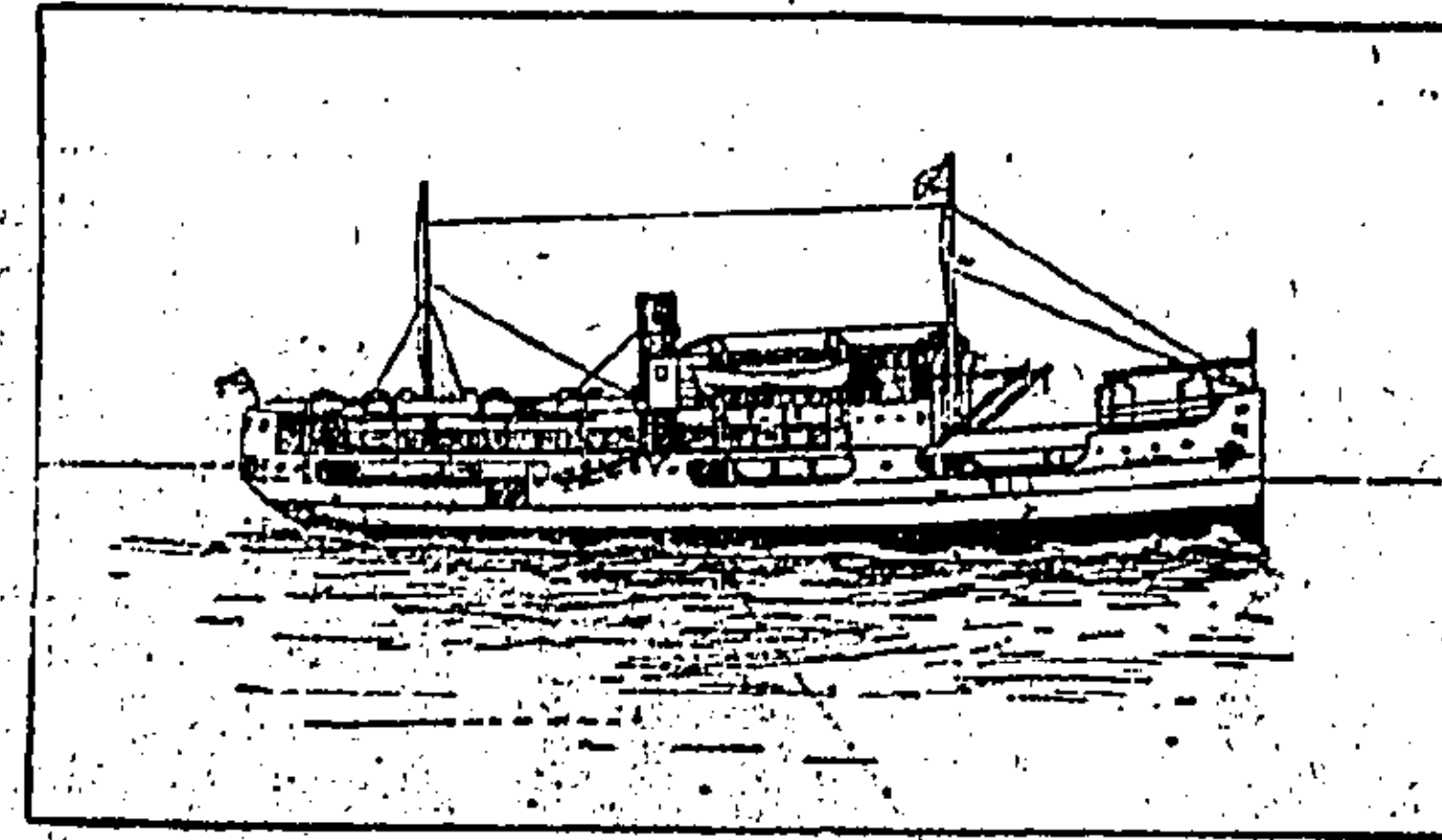
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IS HONG KONG A DULL PLACE?

In our variable moods we may be tempted to put to ourselves this question, which has been raised in the correspondence columns time and again. Its answer depends on our individual definitions of dullness. One may be bored by "moment musicals," and filled with rhapsody by "Mammy's Black Boy"; "Ariopagitticus" may delight the man of simple tastes, whilst to one of different clay "The Indiscretions of Archie" may be the height of mental intoxications. Man is a restless animal, and not made to the same mould; yet we each of us have our moments of dullness, when the mind seeks for a stronger stimulant than cocktails and cheap novelettes. It is in these moments that one is inclined to curse the Colony and all that therein is, sighing with nostalgia for the select tones of the Times Book Club; the thrills of the Little Theatre; the Opera, brilliant chatter at Rumpelmeyer's, and a Sunday afternoon in the uncomfortable seats at the Queen's Hall.

A British Colony has ever enjoyed a subdued air of melancholy and dejection, like a City underground station at 6 p.m. One can stroll along the Peak on most occasions, and fancy one is at Tunbridge Wells, or the Rock Walk, Torquay. One looks for those aged military and naval gentlemen (retired) in the last stages of spoleptic distinction. All this may be very distressing. "I came East," says one in exasperation, "to find what?"

Tomlinson writes about; instead I see nothing but Mrs. Malaprop." Well, we British are conservative, and take our pleasures sadly. After all, is there any justification for the gibe that we are dull? Once a week we have our concerts of chamber music; our public library, true, is rather like the vicar's jumble sale, and our museum would hardly add to our knowledge of the antiquarian; but we do occasionally have a little theatrical entertainment, which enables our acquaintances to see that we can dress for dinner.

These things, however, cannot satisfy the soul of man, and for the amelioration of his thirst he must go elsewhere. Must we all become recluses, and closet ourselves in our rooms with Edith Sitwell or the "Arabia Deserta." Content though we may be with our lot, being men of simple tastes, we must face the ugly truth, and admit that there is no intellectual life in Hong Kong; that our wives (who are more intelligent and less busy than we) are often bored to tears; that this is indeed a dull place in which patiently to endure, until failing eyes and stiff joints come to remind us that our pensions (or bonuses) are due, and then—Home, with the dubious pleasures that come too late.

Whilst having no desire to emulate the Bright Young People, cannot the youth of the Colony bring itself to devise some means whereby this sleepy hollow of ours may relax a little into a community of organised vitality. Cannot a Club be formed where our talented musicians may charm our ears each evening with Debussy or Caesar Franck; where our Professors may lecture on the arts, and our travellers recount the story of that last tiger? Why not a promenade concert every Sunday afternoon, or an amateur dramatic performance every month?

These are but a few of the many possibilities; they all need an eager hand to unlock our tired spirits and fire us with energy and enthusiasm. "Is Hong Kong Dull?" We must admit that it is, and yawn our way back to respectable tranquillity again.

NEWS IN BRIEF

A fine of \$5 was imposed on a Chinese at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day for carrying two chickens by their wings.

The forthcoming wedding is announced by Mr. Harry Harry Birch, engineer, No. 11A, Shaukiwan Road, Hong Kong, as Mr. and Mrs. Chiu, who are to be married at the end of the year.

The regular monthly meeting of the Marine Engineer's Guild of China will be held to-morrow at 6 p.m. at David House.

A useful desk calendar for 1930 has been received by the "China Mail" from The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., and The Canton Insurance Office, Limited.

Mr. J. Scott Harston, Miss Scott Harston, Major Campbell, Major J. J. Carter, and Mr. A. J. Heard left to-day for Shanghai by the N.Y.K. liner "Asama Maru."

The "China Mail" is pleased to report that Mr. C. Graham Perdue, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence, is getting on as well as can be expected in the Kowloon Hospital.

The occupiers of 6 Taku-street and 25 Kowloon City Road were at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day fined \$7 and \$5 respectively for throwing rubbish from their floors to the street.

Exposing fish and bean curds for sale in a place inappropriate to the limits of his stall, a Chinese stall holder of the Cheung Sha Wan Market was at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning fined \$20.

A congregation for the conferring of degrees is to be held in the Great Hall of the Hong Kong University on Monday, January 13, 1930. Tea will be served at 4 p.m. and the degree ceremony will commence at 5 p.m.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul acknowledge with grateful thanks the following: Brunner Mond and Co.; fancy articles; Mrs. A. C. Botelho, fancy articles; and A. S. Watson and Co. Aerated Waters.

A married Chinese woman was at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning fined \$25 or one month in default for assaulting an Indian Police constable in the execution of his duty at Jordan Road. It was stated that the woman used a bamboo pole.

The summons against a Chinese residing at 85 Kowloon City Road, for keeping dangerous goods (14 gallons of kerosene) without a licence was withdrawn at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on the ground that a permit was produced by the defendant in Court.

With a previous conviction of three weeks' hard labour last month against him, a Chinese was at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day sentenced to six weeks' hard labour on pleading guilty to the theft of two tins of oil, the property of the Peninsular Service Station at Argyle Street, Mongkok.

Mrs. W. H. Smith, the wife of Mr. W. H. Smith, the manager of the new Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Wanchai, was admitted to the Matilda Hospital on Monday morning, where she has undergone a very serious operation. The latest report is that the operation has been successful, and Mrs. Smith is as well as can be expected under the circumstances.

The debate which was to be held at the Y.M.C.A. on Thursday has been postponed to Thursday, December 19, at 9 o'clock. The subject is: "That this meeting is of the opinion that Western civilisation is not adaptable to the Orient." This will be proposed by the Rev. F. C. Young, seconded by Dr. F. R. Ashton, and will be opposed by the Rev. J. Morace Johnston, seconded by Mr. J. M. Wilson. Ladies are invited.

"TALKIE" ERRATA

Owing to a printer's error, a peculiar phrase crept into "Bingo's" criticism of "Bland that Curran" in yesterday's Mail. The puzzling phrase "that beating with love in the perched desert," should, of course, have read "heart's beating." A little further on we said "olive-skinned girls crowning pooney-brones." This should have read "girls crowning," etc.

AMBULANCE CORPS

The next parade for all Divisions, including Nursing Divisions, will be held at the Sookimpo Recreation ground on Sunday next, at 9.30 a.m.

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Kobe has now a central telegraph office, the telegraph department of the Sanuoya Post Office having been expanded for the purpose. Japan has now three central telegraph offices, the two others being located in Tokyo and Osaka.

Lord Thomson, addressing the Authors' Club, said that "RIOT" was an immediate improvement on any other ship in existence. She was three times as strong as the ship "No. 104," Shikwa Road.

CORRESPONDENCE

RENTS PROBLEM

[To the Editor of "China Mail"]

Sir,—The picture painted by a supporter of the Rent Problem Committee, depicting "crafty and relentless speculators" exacting their last pound of flesh from mild, obesant and long-suffering tradesmen savours somewhat of the melodramatic. Enthusiasm for the cause he has espoused must have led him to see facts in the light he sees them. That the speculator in property does exist is admitted; but his power as a dictator of rent has as much reality as the Manchu dragon. If, as is suggested, a speculator could raise rents whenever he feels inclined, the question to be answered would be—how and why has he this power? Surely any attempt at an answer would at once recall the old matter of supply and demand, which he seems so reluctant to accept.

It is also admitted that rent does constitute one of the main items of expenditure in most business concerns; but if a concern should become unprofitable because of the rent it is paying, then the advice of the average man would be—take smaller premises. Where the whole of one shop was at one time used to make a half or even one small room serve the purpose; and if even then the business should fail to pay, the wise and reasonable proprietor would most certainly conclude that it is not the problem of rent that he has to tackle.

The enjoyment of low rent is not as difficult to attain as some may imagine. Let those tradesmen suffering from abnormal trade depression and harassed by "merciless landlords" put up their shutters in disgust and their desire for a fall in rent will be immediately realised; and the larger the number of those who decide to close, the greater will be that fall; but it is doubtful whether the supporters of the Rent Problem Committee would relish a reduction on such lines, although the result of such an experiment would conclusively prove that the matter of supply and demand is more important than they choose to admit.

The piece of news regarding voluntary reduction of rents by landlords in Tokyo is interesting; but does it follow that the landlords of Hong Kong should do likewise? Supposing someone else produces a piece of news to the effect that the landlords of Timbuctoo are raising their rents for mud tuts, what are the landlords of Hong Kong then expected to do?

With regard to the two resolutions passed by the Rent Problem Committee, it is difficult to understand in what manner they are constructive in character. The first is a request to the Government to re-assess all property in Hong Kong. The members of that Committee are without doubt well-informed people and must be cognisant of the fact that such a fresh re-assessment is made every year and it is the duty of the Government Assessor and his staff to see that no evasion of rates is possible. The second resolution, also a request to the Government, touches the matter of notice to quit. One month's notice has been held too short for most merchants to find premises and longer notice is desired. The obvious solution to this difficulty is for a tenant to make a lease with his landlord, in which case he not only gets security of tenure, but has ample time if he wishes, to look around for more suitable quarters. It must be remembered that the matter of notice operates both ways and if a month's notice for a tenancy from month to month is too short, it is not easy to decide what period is fair—Yours, etc.,

COMMON SENSE.

Hong Kong, December 10.

PAPER HUNTING

Commissioner Asked To Lodge Protest

It would appear as though another attempt is to be made to prevent paper hunting this season, following a similar action on the part of the Chinese a winter or so ago. In this connection the following proclamation issued by the Mayor of Greater Shanghai should be of interest: Proclamation No. 118 of the Municipality of Greater Shanghai. "As winter season is approaching, the foreign conduct 'poo-yaching' in the fields in the vicinity of Zao Wu-king and the western part of Shanghai. As a matter of fact, such racing has damaged a number of cereal stalks and crops in the past years. Although there is no other significance than amusement in itself, such racing has had a bad effect upon the living of our people. Accordingly, we have requested the Bureau of Foreign Affairs to lodge a strong protest with the Consular Body against the repetition of such racing. In addition, we issue the proclamation forbidding the public of the prohibition of racing in the future in the fields in order to preserve the farms in good condition. The Public Safety Bureau has been instructed to see that this order is carried out."

(Signed) CHANG CHUN, Mayor.

YOUTH AND BEAUTY OF HONG KONG

PRETTY GIRLS AND HANDSOME MEN IN "THE GEISHA"

MRS. HUNT'S TRIUMPH

[By "Bingo"]

"Me Volly poor man," confided Wun-hi, cocking one eye at me and the other at his "with-water-or-without." The Marquis was looking on very grimly, and I remembered his threat to close down poor Wun-hi's tea house (having seen "The Geisha" when skirts were longer in Leicester Square). It was so unrealistic; people all round one dressed in everyday clothes, speaking lightly of 10,000 yen, and hiding their porcelain beauty behind painted fans. I felt like Alice at the Mad Hatter's tea party, or the hunter in Streepeter being chased by the hare.

All around exotic flowers bloomed on the canvas scenery and exalted a perfume of size-glue. I caught sight of a snow-clad mountain behind a spiny, and shivered. One of Nature's nuisances dropped a hammer, and one of the many stage managers said the opposite of "Laud Deo" (unprintable).

People came on, sang, danced, and went off—tripping, prancing, miming, founcing, according to their several parts; all but the Marquis and his henchman, who meandered with a digestive dignity. A few faces were visible in the stalls; grey-green eyes watched the performance with apparent wonderment. Then the conductor stood on tiptoe, like a professor catching a butterfly, and flicked a quiver of his baton. "Oh, 'Jack's the Boy for Play,'" sang Mr. Parker (whom Mrs. Hunt told me is a lover to the very life).

Something went wrong. "Molly, move a little further back, please. Jim, don't twiddle your thumbs. Now, all together," said energetically Mrs. Hunt, who knows "The Geisha" from G to A.

Its Popularity

"Do you think it will go well?" a sweet young thing whispered to me behind the wings. "Like money," I answered, "and for this reason. Mrs. Hunt understands all about musical comedy production. The other reasons which convince me that the public will like it are firstly, that the singing is as good as any I have ever heard in an amateur performance (Mrs. Bowes-Smith, particularly); secondly, almost everybody is pretty and good looking, and the funny men are really funny; thirdly, the stage managers no longer fight over whom shall carry the scenery; and lastly, 'The Geisha,' next to 'The Mikado,' (a comparison only of popularity), is as hardy an annual as 'Charley's Aunt.'

MERCHANT'S WILL

\$76,500 Left To His Widow

Estate in Hong Kong valued at under \$76,500 was left by Mr. Wong Chi-chau, a merchant of No. 16, Lyndhurst Terrace, who died intestate on February 7, 1929. He is survived by a widow, three concubines and a son, Wong Kam-son.

The last four-named have renounced all right and title to letters of administration to the estate, which have now been granted to the widow, Wong Leung Shi. Deceased was 64 years of age and a native of Kwoon Yiu, in the Nam Ho district, Kwangtung province.

Other People's Money

Dame Hester Jane Hart, the widow of Sir Robert Hart (famous as the greatest Inspector-General of the Chinese Customs) left \$60,000 in Hong Kong. Gross value of estate in the Old Country was \$2,778.

Mrs. Jennie Brown Hogg, or McLaren, widow of Mr. Daniel Alexander McLaren, timber merchant, Avonmouth, Gwentmouth, left \$18,600 in Hong Kong and \$5,514 outside the Colony.

Mr. George Hayes, builder, formerly of No. 1 Florence Avenue, Balby, Doncaster, left \$1,100 in Hong Kong and \$3,871 elsewhere.

Lui Yung-hok, alias Lui Chiu-yuen, alias Lui Kok-ting, of Sun Chi village, Toisan district, Kwangtung province, sometimes a grocer in the U.S.A., left \$8,000 in Hong Kong.

Ho Ju-woon, who died on January 21, 1929, at Panshin village, Pau U district, Kwangtung province, left \$31,000 in Hong Kong.

TEN YEARS AGO

[From the "China Mail" December 11, 1919.]

To-day's dollar is worth 5/-, 2½d.

A lady in her motor car knocked a boy down, near Wing Lok Street this morning, and it was not until she got to the vicinity of the Hong Kong Hotel that she was able to report the matter to a European Officer.

We want more police, not fewer.

After a lull of about a couple of months our local shop burglars have again commenced operations, completing a night's work by getting away with jewellery valued at between \$15,000 to \$20,000 from Messrs. Sherriff Bros., 80 Queens' Road Central. The burglars, it would appear, first broke into the premises occupied by Madame Flint, formerly known as the Victoria Dispensary. Entrance was effected from the door of Bank Building, in Wyndham Street. There were many costly dresses in the shop which the burglars left undisturbed. To reach the jeweller's shop, they had to smash up a couple of show cases. Having the wall, and after that it was easy work.

TRIUMPH IN LENS MANUFACTURE

BRITAIN LEADS THE WORLD
THE WORLD'S FASTEST

To the many people who have always understood that the best photographic lenses are of German manufacture, and that the British lenses are inferior, will welcome the news that not only were British lenses proved conclusively to be superior in 1927 and onwards, but the British manufacturers led the way in supplying the keen amateur photographers with lenses of very fast aperture.

Messrs. J. H. Dallmeyer, Ltd., were the first lens manufacturers to startle the photographic world with the announcement of a lens for relax and press camera work, having an aperture of F. 2.9. This was the famous "Pentax" lens. About nine months later, Messrs. Taylor, Hobson, followed this by producing the new well-known F. 2.5 lens, which was introduced and demonstrated in Hong Kong and the Far East by Mr. Denis H. Hazell.

Cine Shots

With the growing popularity of amateur cinematography, and the proficiency displayed by these amateur users, to take cine "shots," at all times and in all sorts of places, a demand was created for a faster lens than supplied by the first Kodak Cine Camera, having a F. 3.5 lens.

Messrs. Dallmeyer and Taylor, Hobson, manufactured F. 1.5 lenses for Victor and Filmo cine cameras, and then Messrs. Dallmeyer again led the field by producing a 1" cine lens having the extraordinary speed of F. 1.5, which was nearly six times faster than the F. 3.5, and made indoor cinematography and outdoors in dark places a practical possibility. Messrs. Taylor, Hobson, produced a F. 1.8 lens.

This F. 1.5 lens appeared to satisfy the speed demands of the keen amateurs for the time, especially as Messrs. Kodak's fast lens necessary for their colour cinematography was only the comparatively low aperture of F. 1.9, and this is the fastest lens that can be fitted to a Kodak cine camera. The improved models, however, of the Victor and Filmo cameras of American manufacture, as well as the new Auto-Kinecam of British make, have wisely been made with a lens fitting, having a universal thread so that cine enthusiasts need not take what lens the camera manufacturer wishes to supply, but has the opportunity of fitting any type of lens he prefers.

However, as amateur cinematography has progressed and is now becoming increasingly popular, so cine enthusiasts are wishing to make cine pictures in most inaccessible places, and under all sorts of extremely bad light conditions.

Amazingly Fast Aperture

Once again the British lens manufacturer has led the world and Messrs. J. H. Dallmeyer, Ltd., of London, have just produced their "Cine wonder lens," working at the amazingly fast aperture of F. 0.9.

This remarkable speed will be the more better appreciated by the reader when it is realised that the "wonder lens" is 12 times faster than the F. 3.5 and over twice the speed of the F. 1.5 lens. This is, of course, the biggest aperture lens that has ever been produced and offered to the photographic world, and, as such, one is entitled to give it a cordial welcome as evidence of a real go-ahead spirit of British manufacturers.

The lens which is of one inch focal length—the standard for amateur cinematography—is made to fit into the existing thread of the Victor, Filmo, and Auto-Kinecam 16 mm cameras. In time, if required, it will also be available for other cameras, but at present it is made ready for immediate use for these three. It has the beautifully made micrometer focusing movement of the Dallmeyer cine lenses, and the apertures engraved on the diaphragm ring are—F/0.9, F/1.4, F/2, F/4, F/5.6, F/8 and F/11, while another feature that will appeal to potential users is that it only requires focusing up to 15 feet, after that it is put at the infinity mark, and everything beyond five yards is automatically in focus.

Light Intensity

The enormous light intensity is recommended to the amateur worker, to enable him to take pictures indoors, close ups in deep shade, topical pictures in dull and rainy weather, as well as interiors. A wedding in a dimly lit church will now be quite practicable, as well as in artificial light, under reasonable conditions.

One of the principal features against using lenses of big apertures is the lack of depth of focus in "close ups." Messrs. Dallmeyer are making a very special point in having an expert, personally testing the covering power and definition of each individual lens, before it is allowed to leave the factory, and these tests are of a very exacting nature.

It is not generally known, but there are still large animals in the jungle of Malaya and Borneo, which never yet have been photographed alive. One instance of this is the Malayan Seladang—a type of lion standing up to 18 hands high, and if a good bull, weighing a ton or more. This is partly owing to the timidity and shyness of the beasts in question, but mainly owing to the denseness of the Malayan virgin jungle.

An attempt by an amateur using a Victor-Tarant Cine camera, having Dallmeyer F. 1.5 and telephoto lenses, was made this summer but was unsuccessful. After this gentleman's camera been fitted with the "wonder lens," which is more than twice the speed of the F. 1.5, a series of pictures of a Seladang, only 25 feet away, could have been made.

The price of the "wonder lens" is calculated by Messrs. J. H. Dallmeyer, Ltd., at £200.

LEGS CUT OFF

Murder Or Practice Of Superstition?

A paragraph in this morning's Police reports gives intimation of an affair which, for the present, is officially regarded as a case of suspected murder.

Soon after 9 o'clock this morning the Yaumatei Police found on the hillside above Pilem Street the body of a Chinese female child with both legs cut off. Her age is calculated as about six months.

Those conversant with "things Chinese," however, will be inclined to discount the murder theory and put the child's amputated legs to native superstition.

The practice was a fairly common one some years ago, and is still observed by the lower class Chinese. A married couple will probably lose their first born within a few days, weeks or months and will put it down to some evil spirit, and to break the spell of the evil spirit they cut off the dead child's legs to prevent the spirit from returning.

Those who practise this superstition claim that invariably the spirit is banished, and that other additions to the family will live.

BANISHEES BACK

10 Months & 20 Strokes

Chan King and Yue Shing, both returned banishees, were smartly dealt with at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, by Mr. W. Schofield.

Divisional Inspector Marks stated that both men were arrested in New Market Street.

Addressing the first man who was banished for life in 1927, his Worship said: "You have two previous convictions—one for harbouring a child, and one stealing, and also you have previously returned from banishment."

Regarding the character of the second man who was banished for 10 years in 1923, his Worship said to Inspector Marks: "This man seems to be a habitual thief. He has four previous convictions for stealing, and three for returning from banishment."

The Magistrate passed sentence of 10 months' hard labour on each, with 20 strokes of the birch.

Viscount Brentford, who points out that there has been no change in the attitude of the Soviet Government, suggests, in a letter, that Mr. MacDonald, before the Soviet is recognised, should discuss the matter with Mr. Hoover.

Richard Corbett, who killed his mother in order to put an end to her suffering from cancer, was acquitted. Replying to the jury, the judge said that in the event of a verdict of guilty he could not guarantee that Corbett would not be punished.

There has been an increase of fifty-nine in the number of Americans with annual incomes of £200,000 and more, bringing the total to 290. Of the new millionaires twenty-six are women.

AIR SURVEY OF RHODESIA

CONTRACT AWARDED TO PRIVATE COMPANY
63,000 SQ. MILE AREA

Rugby, Yesterday.

The contract for an air survey of 63,000 square miles of Northern Rhodesia is to be awarded to the Aircraft Operating Company of London. The "Times" says that the projected survey, which will be begun next April, is a welcome proof of the increasing realisation of the part which the Air Survey is destined to play in the development of the Empire. It has been recommended by a special committee charged with examining the schemes put forward under the Colonial Development Act, and resulting in a contract that is the largest yet awarded to a commercial company.

Except in Canada the practical use of air survey in the Dominions and Colonies has so far been confined to relatively small operations.

In future Administrators of any Colony of which an air survey has been made, will have a bird's eye view of the whole area at their disposal, and will thus be able to adjust their plans of development in accordance with the character and resources and railway requirements of the unexplored plain. The resultant facilities for tapping and exploiting the unused wealth of the Empire must eventually prove of real assistance in providing employment.—British Wireless Service.

A SANITARY MATTER

Cases Of Inadequate Water Supplies

Two cases of disregarding notices served by the Sanitary Department with regard to water closets with no independent and adequate water supply, were heard by Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham at the Central Magistracy this morning. The notices were served on the defendants, a man and a woman, in August after the Sanitary Board had condemned the closets. When the premises were visited this week it was found by Sanitary Inspectors that nothing had been done to comply with the notices. Accordingly the owners of the houses concerned were summoned.

The defendants were Mr. To Ching, owner of 59 and 61 Wong-nelchong Road; and Mrs. Ng Wong-shi, owner of 55, 57, 63 and 65 Wong-nelchong Road.

Time Asked For
Mr. To Ching attended Court personally, whilst Mrs. Ng, who was stated to be an old lady, was represented in Court by her son. Both defendants asked for time to place the closets in order, to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Board.

His Worship decided, however, that it was a matter for defendants to approach the Board personally. He must make orders for the immediate removal of the closets complained of.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN "CHINA MAIL"

Social Functions

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Jan. 10—Second annual dance of the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club, at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.

Entertainments

To-day—Queen's Theatre, "Behind that Curtain."

To-day—Star Theatre, "Fire Brigade."

To-day—World Theatre, "Two Lovers."

To-day—Majestic Theatre, "Nell Gwyn."

Dec. 14—At Theatre Royal, "The Geisha," 9.15 p.m.

Home Mails

To-morrow—Inward from London and ports ("Antenor"); America and ports ("Empress of Asia").

To-morrow—At Sales Room, Toys, 2.30 p.m.

To-morrow—At Sales Room, Postage Stamps, 5.15 p.m.

Meetings

Dec. 12—Regular monthly meeting of Marine Engineers' Guild of China (H.K. Branch) 67, Des Voeux Rd., Ctl., 6 p.m.

Dec. 13—Meeting for Students at St. John's Hall, 8.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous

To-day—Social evening in St. John's Cathedral Hall, 9 p.m.

To-day—Royal Naval Canteen Concert.

To-morrow—At University, open Lecture by Canon Streeter on "International Questions Arising out of the Pacific Conference," 5.15 p.m.

Dec. 13—At St. John's Cathedral Hall, open lecture by Canon Streeter on "God, Pain and Immortality," 5.15 p.m.

Dec. 14—Diocesan Girls' School Bazaar and Sale of Work, 3 p.m.

Dec. 15—Planoforte recital by Mrs. Suter's pupils at St. Andrew's Hall, Kowloon, 5 p.m.

Dec. 16—Hong Kong Benevolent Society Bridge and Mahjong Drive, Helena May Institute.

Dec. 16—Ricci Hall Opening Ceremony, 4 p.m.

Dec. 16—Wah Yan College Tenth Anniversary Dinner, 7.30 p.m.

Dec. 20—Conference for Ministers of Religion and Educationalists on "Education and Religion," at St. John's Cathedral Hall. Tea: 4.40 p.m. Meeting 4.30-6 p.m.

Legislation is to be introduced by the Government this session to give statutory powers to the Food Commission to enforce the prices which it fixes for various commodities.

A large section of butchers in London, said Mr. Noel Buxton, had decided to boycott beef that bore either the English or the Scottish national mark.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 16th day of December, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Lot No.	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet				Annual Rental	Upset Price
		N.	S.	E.	W.		
1	As per plan plan, 15,800 sq. ft.	15,800				\$ 150	\$ 2,700

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1	As per plan plan, 10,200 sq. ft.	10,200				\$ 100	\$ 1,800

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1	As per plan plan, 4,600 sq. ft.	4,600				\$ 40	\$ 720

For the relief of unemployment, Mr. J. H. Thomas informed the House of Commons, schemes had been sanctioned or were being considered which would involve £42,000,000 expenditure.

Mr. John Maurice Clayton, of Newmarket, has presented to the nation the Roman camp of Berichona, Northumberland, and a stretch of Roman wall.

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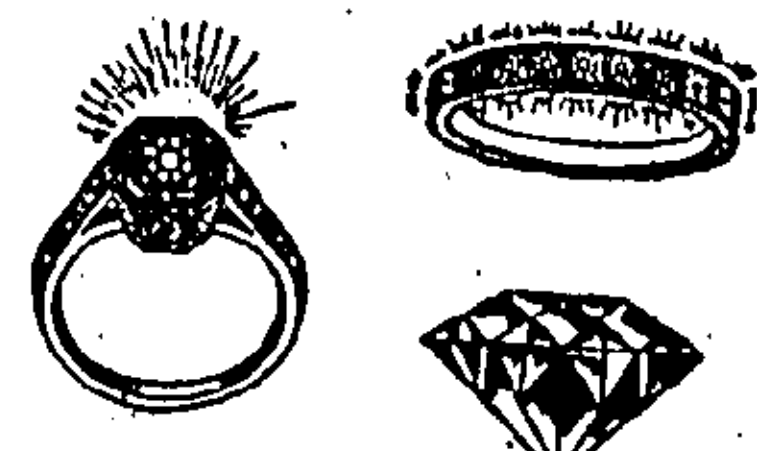


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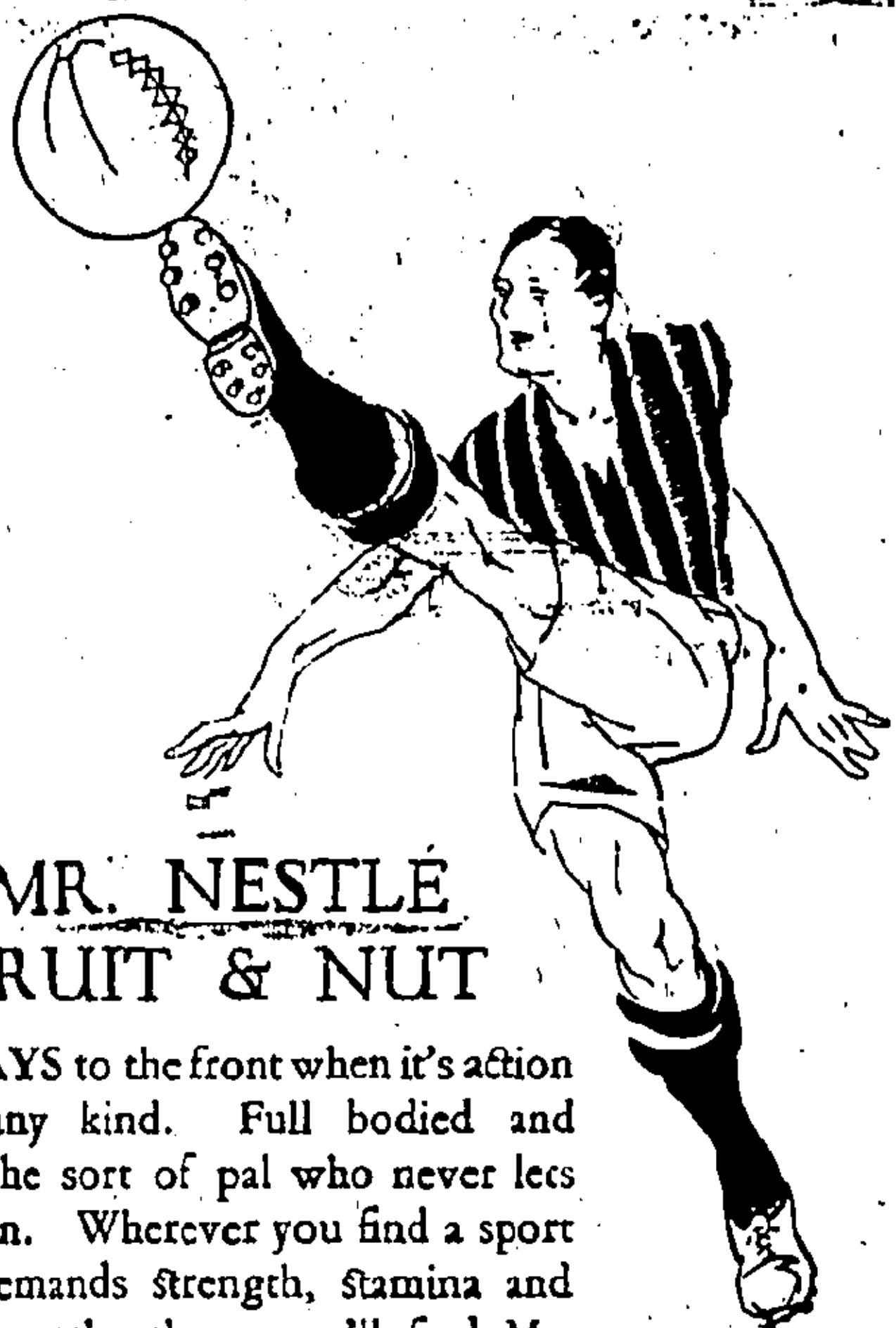
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CIVIL SERVANTS

Their Superannuation Rights Affected

A TEST ACTION

No Contract With Crown: Courts Powerless To Act

VARIABLE PENSIONS

A test action brought against the Treasury, challenging the validity of a Treasury Minute affecting the superannuation rights of Civil Servants and said to involve some millions of pounds, has been dismissed. Mr. Justice Clauson holding that the action entirely failed. The plaintiffs—John Nixon, John Scott, William Clark, and Benjamin Louis Samuel—are retired Civil Servants and members of the Superannuation Rights Association. They claimed declarations that they were entitled to have their superannuation allowances calculated as prescribed by the Superannuation Statutes, and that the Treasury Minute of March, 1922, which introduced a scheme of variable pensions instead of the fixed pensions hitherto granted on retirement, was null and void.

NULL AND VOID

The defence was that the Court had no jurisdiction to inquire into the matter.

Before the case was resumed Mr. Justice Clauson referred to an anonymous letter which he had received. "I think (he said) it is a most improper thing. As I was about to leave my room there was handed to me a letter which I hold in my hand and which I have opened. I find it is an anonymous letter written by a person who describes himself as a retired Civil Servant, and it apparently consists of a long argument about matters connected with this case."

"I am astonished that a gentleman who describes himself as a retired Civil Servant, and who presumably is a person of a certain amount of position and education, can think it proper to send a communication of this kind to the Court."

Mr. A. A. Dickey, who appeared for the plaintiffs, said that he was equally astonished and sorry to hear of such a letter being sent to assure him that the persons concerned in the case had nothing whatever to do with it. "I would not allow such a thing on any terms," added counsel.

Mr. Justice Clauson:—I am sure you would not. I am quite sure it has nothing to do with your clients.

Inducement of Pension

Mr. John Nixon was called and said that he was induced to enter the Civil Service over fifty years ago by what he considered would be the advantages of coming to London, working short hours, and having the prospects of a pension. "Another attraction," confessed Mr. Nixon, who came to London from Dublin, "was the opportunity of attending a London theatre two or three times a week."

If, he added, it had not been for what he considered to be an undertaking in the Treasury Minutes of 1859, that he would be entitled, if he fulfilled all the conditions, to a pension as prescribed by the Superannuation Act, he would not have entered the Civil Service.

Other witnesses gave evidence of a similar character. Sir William Jowitt, in his address for the Crown, submitted that the action was "hopelessly misconceived." He very much regretted that Civil Servants had wasted their money in going to law to try to establish legal rights when for a great many years it had been laid down as plainly as it could be that there was no such rights to come to the Court.

"Fantastic Suggestion"

Mr. Justice Clauson, giving judgment on the main question of jurisdiction, said that that was not a new point, because, precisely the same point—that all questions arising under the Superannuation Act as regarded benefits of retired Civil Servants were by law not for determination by the Court—was raised in 1879 and 1880, and in one of those cases the Judge held that no Court of law had jurisdiction in the matter.

He had no course open to him but to decide it in the same way. The law was so well settled that it could only be altered by the Legislature. The action failed on that point.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

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The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited) of Denmark:—

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The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of the Eastern Extension Australasia & China Telegraph Co., Ltd., Hong Kong:—

Wylie Kremlin, from Shanghai. B. LACK, Superintendent. Hong Kong, 5th Dec., 1929.

Mr. Justice Clauson also held that he had no jurisdiction to declare that retired Civil Servants had legal rights as between themselves and the Crown, and that there was no evidence of any contract as suggested.

"I feel tempted to say that the suggestion of any such contract," continued his Lordship, "between these individuals and the Crown when they entered the service of the Crown is fantastic."

The action entirely failed (as stated), and must be dismissed with costs.

Sir James Melville, K.C., the Solicitor-General, said that this was a class of case in which the Crown neither received nor paid costs. He hoped that it would not go forth that it was conceded that the action was properly constituted against the Attorney-General. It was felt that as the matter concerned a larger number of people and was in the nature of a test case involving several million pounds it was better it should come before the Court to deal with the merits of the case and not to have the claim hanging over indefinitely. The action was dismissed without any order as to costs.

EXCHANGES

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On demand 82

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Brussels 34.87 1/2
Geneva 25.13

Amsterdam 12.09 1/2
Milan 93.26
Berlin 20.39
Stockholm 18.08 1/2
Copenhagen 18.10 1/2

Oslo 18.20 1/2
Vienna 34.63
Prague 16.49 1/2
Helsingfors 19.41 1/2
Madrid 35.05

Lisbon 108.25
Athens 87 1/2
Bucharest 81 1/2
Rio 6.25 3/8
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Chartered Bank	125	20/- Int. 1929
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Insurance.					
Canton Ins.	40/- 1928
Union Ins.	357	£2 1928
Yongwo Ins.	M. \$3.50 1928
China Underwriters	18/- 1928
China Fire Ins.	310	...	...	...	48/- 1927
H. K. Fire Ins.
Shipping.					
Douglases	4/- 1924
H. K. Steamships	26 1/2	...	...	...	12 for 1924 6/-
Indo-China (Pref.)	40	...	...	...	1 - 1925 6/-
(Def.)
Shell Transports	5/- 1928
Union Waterboats	1.50 1928
Mining.					
Benguet	4.70	...	...	...	0.25 1929
Kailan Mining Ad.	2/- Int. 1928-29
Langkat (Cons.)	13.50
(Single) Tls.	7.50 1928-29
Shah Exploration	1.30
Loans Tls.	7.75 1926
Raub	Int. 1/10 1929-30
Tromps Mines	4 1/2 1929
Docks, Wharves, &c.					
H. K. & W. Wharves	145 8 1928
H. K. & W. Docks	4 1924
China Provident	1.20 1924
Hongkong	73 Int. 1929
N. Engineering	0.40 1928
Shanghai Docks	74 1928-29
Cotton Mills.					
Ewo Cottons	14 TO.40 Int. 1929
Shah Cottons (old)	77 T2.50 1929 yr.
(new) Tls.	71.25 1929
Zoong Sing	TO.60 1928-29
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.					
H. K. & S. Hotels	10.90	11.10	...	...	1.20 1924
H. K. Lands	2 Int. 1929
Shanghai Lands	73 Int. 1929
Hanbury	14.55/40 1928
H. K. Realities	7.80	...	...	...	0.80 Int. 1929
Chinese Estates	4 1928-29
Public Utilities.					
H. K. Tramways	0.50 Int. 1929
Peak Tram (old)	112 0.50 1928-29
(new)	5.06 0.50 1928-29
Sar Ferry	99 3.50 1928
Ch. Light (old)	0.50 Int. 1928-29
(new)	10.50 0.50 Int. 1928-29
H. K. Electric	2.50 1928
Macao
Sandakan Lights
H. K. Telephone	0.10 Int. 1929
China Buses (Ord.)	10.60 1929
Spot Tractions (Ord.)	1/- 1928
(Pref.)
Industries.					
China Sugars	90 1/2	In Liquidation P.S. 1928
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Cald. Macg. Ord.
Hanbury
Canton Ice
Cement (comb.)	12.70
(old)
H. K. Rops	0.80 1925
United Assurance	0.10 1924
Stores, &c.					
Dairy Farms	1.25 1928
Watson	0.80 1927-28
Der A. Wong
Lane Crawford	0.30 1928-29
Macdonald	3 1928-29
Sinclair	1/- 1928
Wm. Forde	0.55 1928-29
Miscellaneous.					
H. K. Assurance	2.50 1928-29
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

GOOD FINANCIAL POSITION

The annual meeting of the members of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club was held yesterday in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Mr. L. S. Greenhill, who presided over the meeting, was supported by the following members of the General Committee: Messrs. L. R. Andrewes, H. U. Ireland, K. S. Morrison, J. D. Kinnaird, N. L. Smith, H. G. Sheldon, C. L. Sandes, and Lt.-Col. E. D. Matthews (Secretary).

Proposing the adoption of the report and accounts the Chairman said, inter alia:—

"The profit for the year is \$5,975.31 after allowing \$8,858.34 for depreciation, and actual profit of \$14,833.65 compared with \$12,810.79 for the previous year."

Our liquid assets (stocks, accounts receivable and cash) at the end of our financial year exceed our actual liabilities. (Debtors A/c and sundry creditors) by \$4,698.80, an improvement of \$6,770.86 as compared with September 30, 1928, when the liabilities exceeded assets by \$2,072.06.

Wages have increased by \$591.30, maintenance shows a rise of \$2,203.51, but includes the cost of the match at Happy Valley (\$2,500) so that on ordinary working this item would have decreased by about \$300. There is very little difference on upkeep of courses and the items under the headings of papers, prizes, printing, advertising and repairs show a total reduction of \$1,461.06. Subscriptions remain about the same, except as regards absent members, where there is a slight falling off. Green fees have declined by \$364 and lodging account by \$345. On the whole this account shows an improvement of \$998.40.

Our trading account shows an increased profit of \$2,520.00. This is almost entirely due to receipts at Fanning, Happy Valley and Deep Water Bay showing little difference.

As regards the profit on sale of wines etc., if this is to be maintained I fear charges will have to go up owing to the drop in exchange. The present quarter has been provided for by laying in a large stock at old rates, but it will have to rest with your incoming Committee what arrangement can be made for the future.

"Doubtful" Debts

The amount written off as bad and doubtful debts (\$225.88) is largely "doubtful" and it is hoped to recover a considerable portion.

It is with regret that we have to record the deaths of the following members:—Capt. R. Innes, Dr. F. Pierce Grove and Messrs. J. Buchanan, E. V. Reid, D. MacLaren, G. E. Stewart, H. P. White and L. M. Whyte.

Assistance Acknowledged

I should like to thank the Committee for their assistance during the past year especially Mr. Kinnaird, who this year, as in others, has put in a lot of work at Happy Valley. Mr. Kinnaird knows more about the running and difficulties of the Happy Valley Course than anyone. Our thanks are also due to Messrs. W. A. Butterfield, B. J. Lacon, C. R. M. Young and C. E. Holmes for kind assistance in various ways and to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. for so kindly lending us this room.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented.

Mr. G. S. Archbutt seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

New Officers Elected

In proposing Mr. G. S. Archbutt for the captaincy, the Chairman said.—Mr. Archbutt was largely instrumental two or three years ago in making the arrangements for

combining and running of the secretarial and treasury duties of the Club which have proved very satisfactory. It is in the interests of the Club that the captain shall have served on the committee. It helps towards smooth running in general. Mr. Archbutt is also a good golfer. Altogether I do not think you could put your affairs into better hands and I therefore have pleasure in proposing him as captain.

This was seconded by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, and the proposal was carried with acclamation.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-appointed auditors at a remuneration of \$1,200.

The following were elected to the Committee:—Messrs. L. R. Andrewes, E. Davidson, L. G. S. Doolwell, J. W. Franks, L. S. Greenhill, H. U. Ireland, J. D. Kinnaird, K. S. Morrison, and N. L. Smith.

"Nine Extra" Holes

The Chairman next proposed the following resolution:—"That the Committee be authorised to proceed with the formation of nine extra holes at Fanning and to acquire additional land for this purpose, and take all other necessary steps."

"Six years ago a proposal to add another nine holes to the old relief nine was put forward and turned down at the Annual Meeting and instructions given that it was the wish of members that funds should rather be conserved towards erecting a new Club House. If it was the intention that the funds for a new Club House were to be accumulated by saving cash, I am afraid you are still a long way off getting the necessary sum together."

In the meantime the congestion of the course is getting worse and worse and you have only to look at the list of starting times published weekly to see the demand there is to play on the Old Course, which is full size.

In view of this and believing that the general feeling amongst members is somewhat different to what it was six years ago, your Committee has gone carefully into the question. They have come to the conclusion that the only satisfactory solution lies in adding nine holes to Nos. 1-9 of the New Course, leaving the short nine holes (10-12) intact."

To Cost \$15,000

After outlining the scheme in details, the Chairman added: The ground required to carry this out would cost about \$3,600. The actual work of clearing, draining, turfing &c. should not cost more than \$10,000, say \$12,500, at the outside. So that for \$15,000, at most, (this is not a big sum compared with the profits we made this year) you would have these additional holes and have at your disposal at Fanning two full sized 18 hole courses and a short relief nine.

The time required to carry out the work greatly depends on the weather, but I think that the proposed holes would be ready for play, though somewhat rough, two years hence.

Granted that you approve the scheme there are several changes which the then Committee would be able to arrange. For instance, competitions alternately on the Old and New Courses. Four-ball matches of only one course at a time. Starting lists for both courses and so on.

Golf Becoming More Popular

The resolution was seconded by Mr. A. H. Ferguson, who urged that extension was the right step to take as the course was absolutely congested every Sunday. Starting times were going up and had reached 12.30. They might be starting at three o'clock in the afternoon and perhaps at eight o'clock at night in future (laughter). Mr. Ferguson expressed the opinion that the cost of the land was very reasonable. There was a tendency for the game of golf to become more popular. He was glad that new members did not have to wait nine or ten years before they could get into the Club as was the case in some places.

The proposal was then put to the meeting and was carried.

A New Club House

The Chairman proposed "That the Committee be authorised to acquire a site and erect a Club house at Happy Valley and to enter into all contracts and take all other steps necessary for this purpose and also to borrow for the said purpose a sum not exceeding \$30,000 to be secured upon all or part of the property of the Club in such manner and at such a rate of interest as the Committee shall in their absolute discretion think fit." He said:

"You are all doubtless aware that owing to the re-building of the Stands and Stables at Happy Valley the Jockey Club were obliged to withdraw the free quarters which they had so kindly provided us for many years."

It was impossible to find suitable quarters near so, as a temporary measure, your Committee obtained permission from Government to erect a match to accommodate Happy Valley players. This of course is not a very satisfactory form of Club house with all the risks of damage by fire and typhoon. We have therefore taken this opportunity to inquire your wishes and should you decide to have a new club house, it is necessary for you to authorise the Committee to borrow the requisite funds as and when required."

Caddies' Side Job

We have received designs for a building which should meet our requirements, the estimated cost being about \$20,000. In addition we must allow for fittings and furnishing to be on the safe side your Committee consider they should be authorised to try and arrange to borrow up to \$30,000. It is not anticipated however that so much will actually have to be borrowed as, if the next two years are normal, we should be able to find part of the sum ourselves."

You are being asked to approve the scheme and authorise the expenditure as and when the site is available."

In seconding the proposition, Mr. J. W. Franks said he did so with pleasure. As far as Happy Valley was concerned, he thought it was desirable that they should have a Club-house there because ladies used the course a lot in the mornings. As the Chairman had pointed out there were 109 junior members who did not use any other course."

After some discussion, during which the Chairman assured members there was little likelihood of the game being interfered with, the resolution was carried.

Mr. Oscar Eager referred to the practice of caddies finding practically new balls on the course and taking and selling them at the International Club for twenty cents and suggested something should be done to stop this.

The Chairman mentioned that a letter had been written by the Secretary asking the International Club to co-operate in stopping this practice, and he hoped they would be able to secure that co-operation."

LAWN TENNIS

Shameen Championship Semi-Final

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, Yesterday. In the semi-final round of the Shameen Lawn Tennis Championship yesterday C. E. Watson beat J. Mareschal, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5. This was a good feat on the part of Watson, who was suffering throughout with a bad leg and was not able to run much. Mareschal made a mistake in tactics. Instead of playing his usual vigorous game he contented himself with playing steadily, returning the ball to Watson, instead of trying to make the most of his advantage with the latter's bad leg. As it was, Watson was able to get to most of Mareschal's shots. There was a bright phase in the fourth set. Watson led by four games to Mareschal's two; the latter, however, started to play some brilliant tennis and took the next three games through sheer lightning drives, but then, for some unknown reason, possibly fatigue, he slackened off and resorted to the pat-ball tactics he had adopted

PHIL SCOTT WINS ON A FOUL

DEMPEY'S RULING ON BLOW THAT WAS TOO LOW

"JACK" ALL AT SEA

New York, Yesterday. Jack Dempsey awarded Scott the decision on a foul after 25 seconds in the second round. He gave his verdict after consulting six officials. The 20,000 spectators were amazed, as the Norwegian delivered a sweeping left hook that toppled Scott to the canvas in agony. The blow was apparently very low.

Boxing superbly, Scott clearly won the first round, and fought off Porat's rushes with coolness. He landed three or four hard lefts to the face.

Dempsey, once the master of every situation where the going was rough, and whose thought and judgment must be swift, seemed hopelessly at sea. At first, he motioned Porat to continue, but afterwards rushed over to assist the stricken Englishman who was carried off by four policemen.

Scott, moaning in his dressing-room, said to Reuter "I don't think the blow was intentional; Porat was dizzy from my lefts and rights."

Porat's manager, seconds, and trainers claimed the blow was fair, but Dempsey, interviewed by Reuter, said "I considered the blow low and foul, therefore I awarded Scott the fight."—Reuter's American Service.

HOCKEY

Club Defeat University Team

King's Park was the scene of a very interesting hockey match when the Hong Kong Hockey Club met the University first eleven and beat them by the odd goal in three.

From the initial bully off the Club forwards got going and by clever stick work netted the ball within ten minutes of play. The University took some time to settle down and before half time, Souza effected a solo raid and scored the equaliser. Half time saw the teams level.

In the second half the Club proved dangerous but their rushes were repulsed by the sterling work of the opposing defence. Suleiman, Loko and Noronha (the goalkeeper) rose to the occasion and played a great game saving the University from a heavy defeat. Shortly before the final whistle a combined effort resulted in the Club netting the winning goal.

St. Andrew's And Y.M.C.A.

A fast game of hockey was played on the H.K.H. Club's ground at King's Park yesterday, between the 'St. Andrew's' Club and the European Y.M.C.A.

The result was a draw of two goals all, T. J. Price scoring for the "Y" while N. MacKay responded for the "Saints."

Shameen Beat Navy

[From Our Own Correspondent.] Canton, Yesterday. A combined team from the Club and the Indian Police beat the Navy (H.M.S. "Farantula" and H.M.S. "Cicala") yesterday by 4 goals to 1.

Shameen had far the better of the game, which was fast and quite good. Starting well Shameen scored in the first 10 minutes with a shot from Hill. Soon after Hill scored again and then Shameen got their third goal with a good cross shot by R. T. O. Lammert.

At half-time the score was 3-0. With the change over, however, play evened up and the Navy began pressing, though they were unable to break through the defence. Shameen got their fourth goal with a shot by Lammert, and shortly before time Lt. Johnson scored the Navy's only goal.

Earlier in the match, and Watson polished off the set at 7-5 and the match as well.

Watson will meet A. T. Lay on Monday in the final round and there should be some good tennis seen. Unless Watson's leg improves he will not stand much chance, however, against Lay, who is in very good form just at present.

THEFT FROM ITALIAN WARSHIP

THREE PULLEY BLOCKS GO AMISSING

COOLIES SUSPECTED

That the evidence of unlawful possession against the defendant was insufficient was the remark made by Detective Sergeant Humphreys, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, in a case in which an unemployed Chinese was arraigned on charges of theft and of receiving three pulley blocks, which were the property of the Italian warship "Libia."

Lt. Bottiggi informed his Worship that the pulleys were missing directly a gang of coolies left the warship on Monday at noon.

Result of the report a detective was sent to Wanchai to the heads of these coolies and subsequently the number "ones" gathered together to endeavour to recover the pulley blocks.

One of them came across the defendant and, after questioning him, was led to the Praya East, where two of them were found under a heap of sand. The third was recovered in a marine dealer's store. However Sergt. Humphreys said that the whole band of coolies had since absconded and it was hard to trace any of them, as, no doubt, they had all had a hand in the larceny.

His Worship ordered defendant to be bound over to be of good behaviour for six months.

"TALKIE" TRAGEDY

Men And Women Burnt In Studio Fire

New York, Yesterday. Five men and four women were incinerated and 20 people severely injured in a fire here which destroyed the Pathe Film Studio in Upper Manhattan while making a talkie.—Reuter's American Service.

NEW MINISTER

M. Wilden To Succeed M. Demartel

Paris, Yesterday. M. Wilden, Minister at Teheran, and ex-Consul General at Shanghai, will succeed M. Demartel, who has been appointed to Japan.—Reuter.

STONE AGE RELIC

Neolithic People's Mine Discovered

Some time ago a pre-historic flint mine was discovered in the Wienerwald hills, near the village of Mauern, south-west of Vienna. The mine contains a sort of hornstone, and geologists say it is unique in Europe.

Professor Bayer, the director of the Museum of Natural History now states that he has discovered relics of a town connected with the mine, dating back to the stone-age. The neolithic people who worked the mine had a highly developed technical culture, making tools and many domestic articles out of flint. They made excellent use of the mine, which was obviously worked by them for several centuries. A flourishing export trade was built up, and Mauern became a centre of a prehistoric culture. Professor Bayer declares that the skeletons found may be about 5,000 years old.

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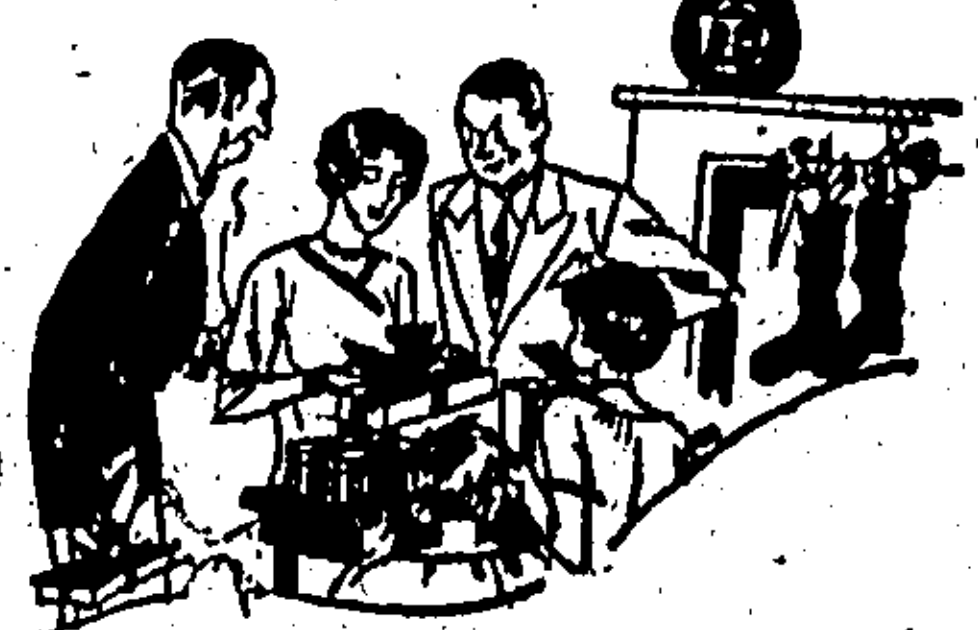
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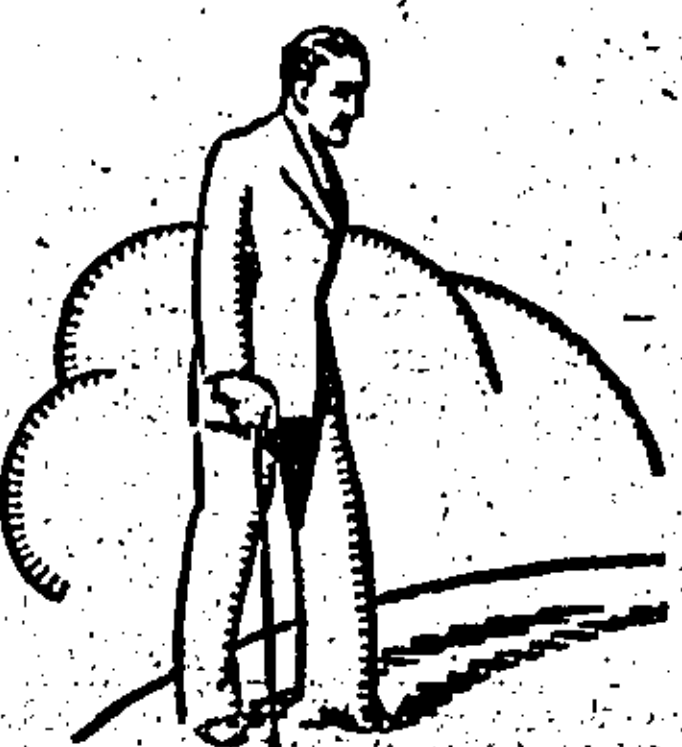
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SHAMEEN PERFORMANCE

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, Yesterday.

The second performance of "Lord Richard in the Pantry" was as great a success as the first performance of a fortnight ago, in spite of the illness that caused the postponement, and the consequent lack of rehearsals between the two performances. The house was absolutely packed and, judging by the continual bubble of laughter, the audience were thoroughly entertained.

Mrs. Hill Again A Success

Mrs. E. R. Hill was again the outstanding success in her role of Sylvia Gayford, the rich young widow, with her delightful stage presence and really good acting.

Mr. William Galloway as Lord Richard himself was as irresponsibly gay and amusing as ever and carried off his scenes with Sylvia Gayford and the Cook with great gusto.

Mrs. R. T. O. Lammert in the difficult, though extremely clever, part of Evelyn Lovejoy, was even better than in her first performance and deserved all praise for carrying off so well a part that would not be suited to many.

Mr. William Farmer made a really good butler, his acting being good; he managed to get a great deal over the footlights without great effort.

Mrs. T. M. Bramell, as the Cook, a rollicking lively part, was most amusing and caused a good deal of laughter.

Mrs. M. A. Annett was charming in her role of friend to Sylvia Gayford, Lady Violet Elliot, a part that was very necessary yet rather thankless as she spent a good deal of time on the stage without saying a great deal, by no means easy without being awkward.

The maids, Miss Hogg, Miss Lee, and Mrs. Moss also did their small parts with verve and enthusiasm. Mr. Ferguson's fine deep voice again did trojan work in his part of an Inspector from Scotland Yard and Mr. F. E. W. Lammert was a good secretary to Lord Richard.

We understand that the Committee of the C.A.T.S. are intending to put on a "thriller" for February. They are keeping things quiet, but the piece in question was a colossal success at Home.

CANON STREETER

Programme For Visit To
Colony

DUE TO-MORROW

Canon, B. H. Streeter, Reader in Christian Origins in the University of Oxford, Fellow of the Queen's College, Oxford, and Fellow of the British Academy, is due to arrive from Shanghai by the "Empress of Asia" to-morrow.

Canon Streeter came out to the Far East as delegate from Great Britain to the Institute of Pacific Relations held in Japan in October. At the request of certain groups in China he spent the greater part of the latter half of the year lecturing in China.

Canon Streeter went up to Oxford in 1893, and originally intended to enter his father's profession of the Law; at the University he became an agnostic, then found an intellectual basis for religion; read theology and took Orders; nearly resigned his Orders on discovering that his position did not seem watertight, but finally gained renewed confidence that in religion man can attain to a genuine apprehension of Reality, and has given up his life to working out and passing on to others the truth that he has seen.

He is at the present time one of Oxford's outstanding scholars, and enjoys an international reputation. He is a member of the Archbishop's Commission on Religious Education. He is the author of the following books:—Reality, Four Gospels, The Sadhu, Restatement and Reason, and The Primitive Church; and has edited the following:—Adventure, The Spirit, Immortality, Concerning Prayer, and Foundations.

During his stay in Hong Kong Canon Streeter will address an open meeting to-morrow afternoon at 5.15 at the University of International Questions Arising Out of the Pacific Conference. On Friday at 5.15 he will address an open meeting in St. John's Cathedral Hall on "God, Faith and Immortality."

On Friday, December 20, on the morning train, he will be in Canton for a conference for ministers of religion and educationalists at 4 p.m. on "Education and Religion." Canon Streeter leaves for Home on the "Majestic" on December 21.



The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 360 metres:—

5 p.m.—Programme of H.M.V. & Victor Records, supplied by courtesy of Messrs. Moutrie. "The Merry Widow"—Selection, (Lehar) De Groot and His Orchestra. "Miserere" ("Il Trovatore"—Verdi), Mavis Bennett & John Turner, Vocal Duet. "Il Trovatore"—Vocal Gems (Verdi) Grand Opera Company. "Take a Look at Mine" (Dougherty), "Reviews" (Fragson), Gracie Fields, Comedienne. "Dreams of Yesterday" ("Virginia"—Waller & Tunbridge). "Was it a Dream?" (Coslow, Spier & Britt) F. Rowland-Times, F.R.C.O. "Stephen Foster Melodies". "Old Folks at Home" (Way down upon de Swanee Ribber), "Ring de Banjo", "Oh! Lemmell", "Nelly Bly", "Oh Boys, Carry Me Along", "Louisiana Belle", "Camptown Races" Nat Shilkret and the Salon Group.

"If I didn't miss you" (Endor & Steinberg). "I've always wanted to call you my Sweetheart" (Endor, Sternberg & Ward).

Gracie Fields, Comedienne. "Wedding of the Painted Doll" (Brown), (Featured in the Film "Broadway Melody").

De Groot and His Orchestra. "My Flame of Love" (Nichols), David Bor (Pianoforte), H.M. Calve (Cello).

"Over the Garden Wall" (Henry & Horridge), John Henry. "Maire My Girl" (G. Aitken), "For you alone" (Geehl).

John Turner. Celebrity Concert. Mr. Harry Ore (Piano).

Signor Adolfo Bellotti (Tenor). 9 p.m.—Dr. M. B. Osman, M.D., will lecture on—

"Man's Secret Enemies". 9.15 p.m.—Piano: "Moonlight Sonata" Beethoven. Mr. Harry Ore.

9.25 p.m.—Vocal: (a) "Santa Lucia Lullaby" Mario. (b) "La Fanciulla del West" Puccini.

Signor Adolfo Bellotti. 9.35 p.m.—Piano: (a) "Gavotte" Gluck-Brahms. (b) "Menuet" Paderewsky.

Mr. Harry Ore. 9.43 p.m.—Vocal: "To quierlo" Jose Serrano. Signor Adolfo Bellotti.

9.50 p.m.—Piano: (a) "Macao Lullaby" H. Ore. (b) "Fair Weather—Thunderstorm" H. Ore. (Cantonese Song).

Mr. Harry Ore. 10 p.m.—Vocal: "A Dream" J. C. Bartlett. Signor Adolfo Bellotti.

10.07 p.m.—Piano: "Military Marche" Schubert-Tausig. Mr. Harry Ore.

10.15 p.m.—News Bulletin. 10.30 p.m. (Approx.)—Close Down.

TRAIN DERAILED

Seventeen People Killed
In Belgium

Brussels, Yesterday. Seventeen people were killed and 48 injured in the derailment of a workman's train at the entrance to Namur station to-day.

The disaster was due to the brakes falling on a train from Brussels which was descending a gradient.

Later. It is now officially announced that 9 were killed and 40 injured in the Namur disaster.—Reuter.

FINANCIAL PROBLEMS

Canton, Yesterday. In order to settle the financial problems in Canton, Minister T. V. Soong first intended to proceed to the South personally, but being kept back by pressure of work in the North, he has despatched Mr. Tang Hai-on as his representative to Canton, and Mr. Tang arrived on December 8 and interviewed the local authorities. — Canton News Agency.

FOREIGN CONFIDENCE

Nanking, Yesterday. Interviewed by pressmen, Minister Wei Tao-ming stated that the plan for the reorganisation of the Shanghai Provisional Court was ready for Monday's conference. In view of the foreigners' growing confidence in the Chinese courts, he was no difficulty in the conference. The utmost care will be taken to appoint men of high calibre and integrity as judges of the Re-organised Court, and preserve its independence. — Canton News Agency.

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Although a Pittsburgh girl, she had a bit of motion picture experience in Paris years ago, where she was a dancer in the ballet of the Paris Opera Company. A French producer was attracted by her work and gave her a screen role.

On returning to the United States, filled with ambition to become a film actress, Lois pursued the quest in vain for some time. Producers are not seeking girls who have played in other countries unless they have had opportunities to show their capabilities.

A Speedy Reply

Then Samuel Goldwyn planned to produce "Romeo and Juliet" and practically advertised for a girl to play "Juliet." Miss Moran wrote a speedy reply, enclosing her photographs. The story of her career and an appeal for the part paved the way. Goldwyn was interested and though he abandoned the Shakespeare idea, engaged Lois for role in "Stella Dallas" which made her famous, overnight, as it were.

"After playing leads in several pictures she was signed by Fox Films and has won wide acclaim by her work in "The River Pirate," "Joy Street," "True Heaven," "Making the Grade," and other productions.

"Behind that Curtain" In Miss Moran's latest "Behind that Curtain" she is portrayed the feminine lead in an all talking Fox Movietone production. She co-featured with Warner Baxter and Gilbert Emery. The supporting cast includes Claude King, Philip Strange, Boris Karloff and Jamel Hassen.

Earl Derr Biggers wrote "Behind that Curtain," which not only was published in one of the foremost periodicals, serially, but is ranked as one of the best sellers of these days.

There is a decided part played by Scotland Yard in this feature, all talker with complications that result in the death of a former head of this famed criminal investigation bureau. The wife of an important character disappears and traces of her are established in different parts of the world.

We do not believe in revealing the plot of a mystery play. It is showing at the Queen's Theatre till to-morrow.

THE KELLOGG PACT

Little Nations Appeal
For Peace

Belgrade, Yesterday. The United States Government has requested the Government of Yugo-Slavia, as a signatory to the Kellogg Pact, to send the same Note to the Chinese and Soviet Governments regarding Manchuria as was sent by the United States.

The Yugo-Slav Government has willingly accepted the invitation, but as she is not related diplomatically with either China or the Soviet she has asked the United States Government to address an identic Note on her behalf.

Bulgaria Acts As Well

Sofia, Yesterday. As a signatory to the Kellogg Pact the Government has instructed the Bulgarian Minister in Paris to inform the Chinese and Russian Embassies that Bulgaria associates herself unreservedly with the United States and other Powers in endeavouring to secure the maintenance of peace in Manchuria.—Reuter.

HAITI, QUIET

U.S. Action Restores
Calm

Port au Prince, Yesterday. The authorities are now convinced that calm has been permanently restored. The President has issued a manifesto attributing the disorders to "ambitious insurgents" desiring to profit by the downfall of the Government.

He gave tribute to the American authorities for their efficient intervention under the "Treaty with Haiti—Houder's American Service."

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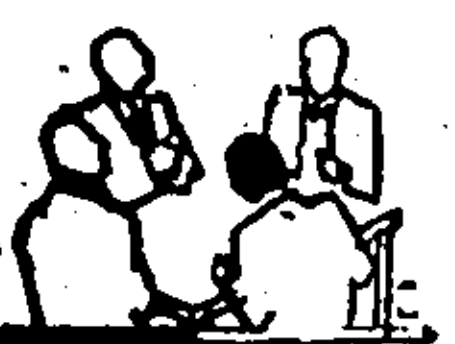
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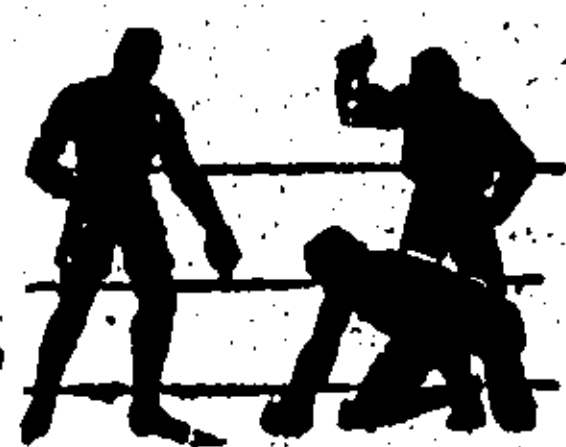
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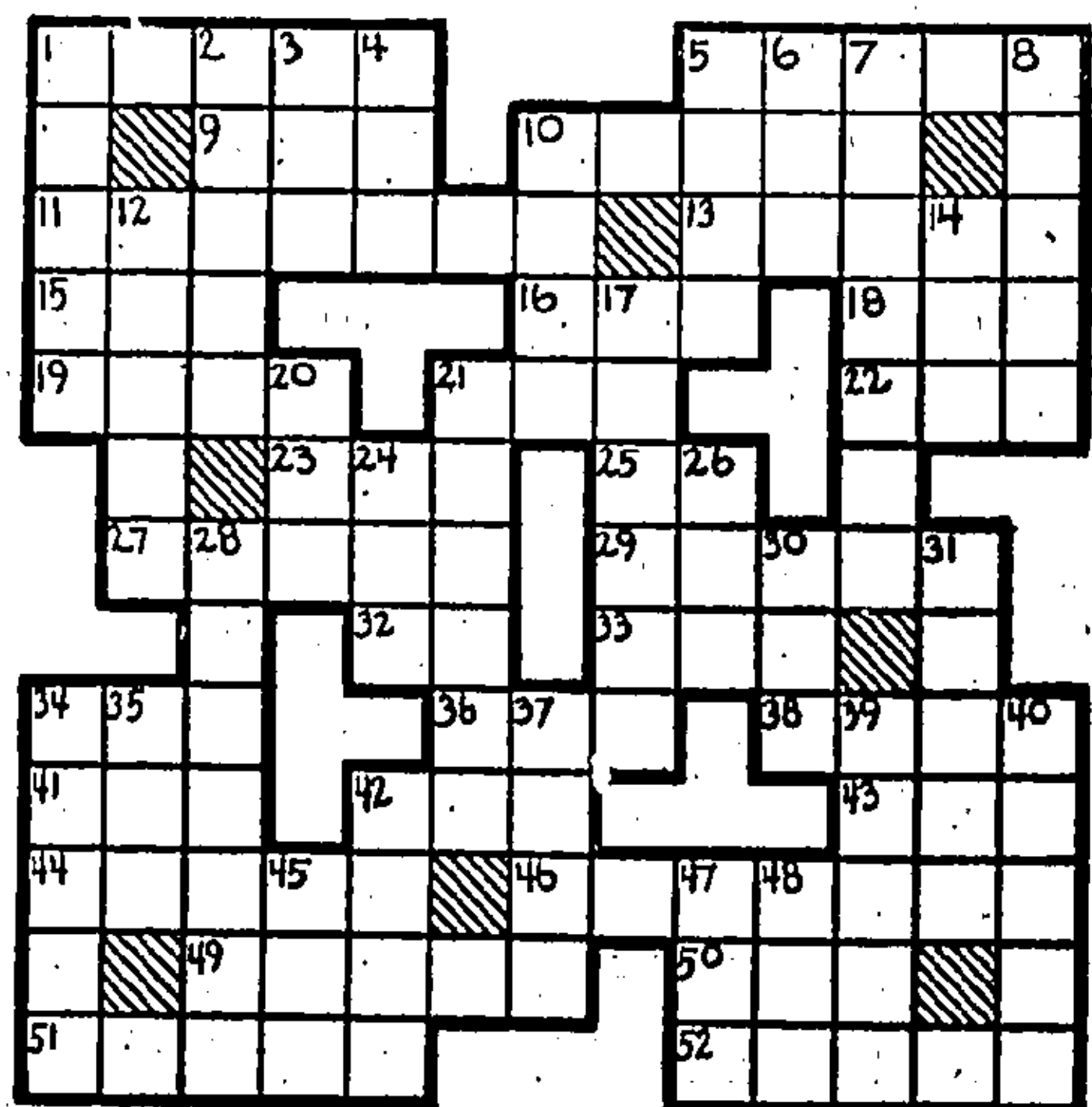
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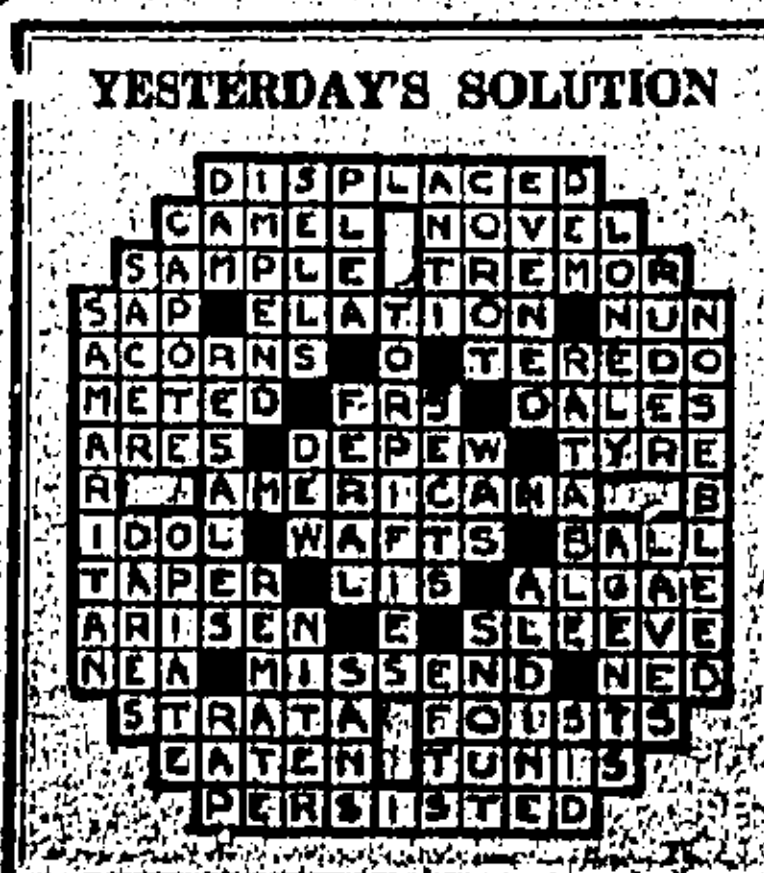
DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL
1—Put away, as papers
3—Passageway in a church
5—Greek goddess of malicious mischief
10—Point
11—Fur-bearing animal
15—To raise the spirits of
16—Article
17—Point of compass (abbr.)
18—Proceeded rapidly
19—To make silent
21—To observe
22—International (abbr.)
23—Lyric poem
25—And (Latin)
27—English town noted for woolen goods
29—Tarnished
32—A highway (abbr.)
33—Latin for "lion"
34—Be somewhat ill
35—Before
38—A small fresh-water fish | HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
41—Fifty-two (Roman)
42—An American Indian
43—One of world's largest cities (abbr.)
44—Long tubes
46—Diamonds
49—Ornament of derision
50—Exile
51—A horse
52—Pertaining to a node
VERTICAL
1—A arm of the sea (Scott.)
2—Strings
3—And so forth (Latin)
4—Latin for "God"
5—Away (Scott.)
6—Disseased
7—Cauterizing
8—Outcome of any action
10—Girl's name | VERTICAL (Cont.)
12—Vessel under bare poles lying broadside to wind and sea
14—A color
17—Pivoted wire used in a compass
20—Garden implement
21—Any six-line stanza
24—Dental degree (abbr.)
26—To unite securely
28—Dim the brightness of
30—To be drowsy
31—Pleasure vessel
34—The Alps (Latin)
35—Three (Roman)
37—To elevate
39—Pained
40—Vinegar (obs.)
42—Employed
43—Compass point (abbr.)
47—Suffix. Same as "an"
48—Twelve dozen (abbr.) |
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(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)



The Mayor of Greater Shanghai has issued a notice mentioning the prices at which the local authorities are prepared to purchase 7,000 mow of land for the Municipality. These have been fixed by the Commissioner of Lands and are divided into three classes. For first-class lands, between \$450 and \$800 per mow will be paid, whilst for second and third class lands the price paid will be between \$200 and \$450.

At Malmesbury, Cape Province, a young white woman has given birth to six boys, of whom three have survived.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BAZAAR

RESULT OF DRAWINGS OF RAFFLES

WINNING NUMBERS

Children of Mary Stall—\$1 Raffle
 1st Prize, Ticket No. 1; 2nd, 250; 3rd, 403; 4th, 74; 5th, 80; 6th, 222; 7th, 44; 8th, 164; 9th, 169; 10th, 415; 11th, 30; 12th, 435.

Guessing Competitions

The following are the correct guesses:
 Goose: Ticket No. 120.
 Ham: Ticket Nos. 5, 37, 56, 93, 183 and 135.

American Stall (Special) Lottery
 Book No. 1—1st Drawing:—1st prize, 1 doll, N. Tso (85); 2nd, 1 porcelaine tea set, A. Granelli (79); 3rd, 1 doll, F. X. L. Faria (3); 4th, 1 Eureka set, R. J. Goodman (40); 5th, 1 doll, Yeung Sum (35).

Book No. 2—2nd Drawing:—1st prize, 1 doll, J. M. Alves (10); 2nd, 1 porcelaine tea set, Mollie Tong (100); 3rd, 1 rooster, Logan (P.W.D.) (43); 4th, 1 doll (green), T. Stanton (89); 5th, 1 game, C.P.S. (30).

Book No. 3—3rd Drawing:—1st prize, 1 table lamp, J. M. Botelho (17); 2nd, 1 porcelaine tea set, 4th, Sugar Baby (64); 3rd, 1 cooking stove, "Spero," c/o T. E. Pearce; 4th, 1 doll, Dr. W. Koch; 5th, 1 game, L. A. da Costa.

Book No. 4—4th Drawing:—Cancelled. Chances sold transferred to Book No. 5.

Book No. 5—5th Drawing:—1st prize, 1 tea set, C. F. Alexandre (51); 2nd, 1 doll (blue), F. F. da Rosa (68); 3rd, 1 Eureka set, Mygnet Morbyorushin; 23, Ashley Road (21); 4th, 1 doll, F. Giles (64); 5th, 1 doll, S. C. Yung (11).

Book No. 6—6th Drawing:—1st prize, 1 large doll, F. Costa (16); 2nd, 1 doll, R. H. Larken (42); 3rd, 1 Eureka set, J. M. Alves (91); 4th, 1 game, L. B. Gomes (97); 5th, 1 doll, S. Danenberg (31).

Book No. 7—7th Drawing:—Cancelled.

Book No. 8—8th Drawing:—1st prize, 1 large doll, Browns, c/o Central Police Station (78); 2nd, 1 doll, W. B. Whistlaw, Police Dept. (79); 3rd, 1 porcelaine tea set, M. J. Carrio (Sanitary Board (64); 4th, 1 knitting set, M. Bernex (19); 5th, 1 set blocks, A. J. Basto (49).

Wine Raffle

1st Prize, 1 case of champagne, Jose da Graca (135); 2nd, 1 case of Johnnie Walker whisky, Max A. Gomes (44); 3rd, 1 case of Elbschloss beer, B. R. Iranco, 45 Wyndham Street (270).

American Stall

1st Drawing:—1st prize, 1 doll, A. Kinchin (116); 2nd, 1 set of cooking utensils, Li Yat-chol (62); 3rd, 1 doll, J. McCutcheon (85); 4th, 1 doll, J. M. McCabe (87); 5th, 1 game (cats), H. Dixon (103).

2nd Drawing:—1st prize, 1 A1 tea set, Nanelli (36); 2nd, 1 horse and wheel, Lucy Yung (13); 3rd, 1 doll, R. W. Gallagher (27); 4th, 1 doll, H. Dixon; 5th, 1 counting board, Mollie Tong (63).

3rd Drawing:—1st prize, 1 doll (yellow), D. Asjoe (107); 2nd, 1 A1 tea set, A. Muler (84); 3rd, 1 doll, Miss B. da Silva, Macao (108); 4th, 1 knitting set, Luen Tai (115); 5th, 1 doll, O. K. Wong (8).

4th Drawing:—1st prize, 1 A1 tea set, P. C. Laurel (38); 2nd, 1 horse and wheel, A. Kinchin (118); 3rd, 1 doll, Leonel Silva (87); 4th, 1 doll, M. Assumpcao (72); 5th, 1 doll, J. A. Cotton (84).

5th Drawing:—1st prize, 1 doll (yellow), Sun Choy-hing (64); 2nd, 1 A1 cooking set, Paice (49); 3rd, 1 Eureka set, R. H. Larken (110); 4th, 1 doll, J. M. S. Rosario (114); 5th, 1 motor bus, F. E. Shuster (45).

6th Drawing:—1st prize, 1 doll in cradle, Terese Chan (92); 2nd, 1 cooking stove, Charles Lee (59); 3rd, 1 doll, Mrs. P. Rosario (24); 4th, 1 game, M. Blake (67); 5th, 1 counting board, Carlos N. da Silva (50).

7th Drawing:—1st prize, 1 A1 tea set, Ranner (68); 2nd, 1 doll, A.7 (39); 3rd, 1 Eureka set, M. Blake (91); 4th, 1 doll, A.7 (18); 5th, 1 doll, C.A.P. (38).

8th Drawing:—1st prize, 1 doll, D. K. Khuras (32); 2nd, 1 porcelaine tea set, M. Blake (94); 3rd, 1 doll, Mrs. Reynolds (47); 4th, 1 bath set, Nanelli (14); 5th, 1 bus, Bobby Read (78).

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CONSULATE BLAZE IN SHANGHAI

PORTUGUESE ARCHIVES SAVED: UPPER FLOORS GUTTED

SHANGHAI BLAZE

Fire broke out in the top floor of the Portuguese Consulate-General at No. 6 Wei-hai-wel Road, Shanghai, at 9.39 o'clock on Wednesday night last week and gutted the upper portion of the building as well as parts of the Russian Social Club next door. The archives, we understand, were saved.

It is not known exactly what started the conflagration but it is thought that the outbreak was due to a fused electric wire. The flames quickly spread and within a short time they had involved the neighbouring house.

As soon as it was known that a fire had broken out, the fire stations were at once notified by the staff of the Portuguese Consulate-General, who occupy the upper portion of the building and, in a few minutes, both the Central and Sinaia Divisions, under the personal command of Capt. J. G. Dyson, the chief officer, were in attendance.

The brigade had a difficult time in coping with the outbreak owing to the strong wind fanning the flames, but they finally succeeded in getting it under control and confining it to the upper floors. The lower parts of the houses, however, were badly damaged by water.

Fifth Call of the Day

At midnight, the fire was declared to be out but trouble was experienced in getting one of the escape engines out of a bog in which it found itself in the lawn of the Russian Social Club. The wheels of this machine became so badly stuck in at least six inches of mud that it was only by the combined efforts of a score of firemen, aided by a Leland engine, that she was pulled out.

This fire constituted the fifth call of the day and it formed a record so far as the Brigade is concerned. The previous figure, 642, was exceeded by three and it is expected that this number will be larger before the end of the year as December is usually the Brigade's busy month.

Other outbreaks during the day were in the Yangtzeaport, Central, Louza and Hongkong districts. In the latter, motor car 9299 caught fire in North Szechuen Road but it was extinguished by means of an extinguisher. The one in Central District, involved linen and celluloid collars valued at Tls. 3,000, whilst the one in the Louza District was behind the Peking Theatre.

"IRONSIDES" ATTACK

Over 1,000 Rebel Troops Disarmed

Canton, Yesterday.
 A general attack opened against the Ironside remnants and the Kwangsi, insurgents last night. General Chan Chai-long personally directed the operations at the front, while General Ho Ying-ching led the 3rd Division, combining with the naval forces, to attack Nam-long and Wing on, with Szeul as the objective.

During the engagement which lasted several hours, over 1,000 rebels were disarmed and captured, according to report.

The 8th Army Route H.Q. were in receipt of an order from President Chiang yesterday to the effect that all troops, militia, gendarmes and marines in Canton city are to co-ordinate the direct control of General Auyang Kui, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Public Safety.

For the purpose of effectively maintaining peace and order, and also observing the diligence of the policemen on duty, General Auyang Kui has been patrolling the city personally every night during the present crisis.—Canton News Agency.

CHIEF OFFICER WEDS

Mr. H. A. Settle And Miss M. Carruthers

The wedding took place at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, yesterday, of Mr. Harry Armstrong Settle, Chief Officer of the China Navigation Co.'s s.s. "Kiangsu," and Miss Margaret Carruthers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carruthers, of Carlisle, England, who recently arrived from home.

The Rev. C. E. Shann was the officiating clergy.

The bride was given away by Capt. J. A. Richards, master of the "Kiangsu." She was charmingly attired in a gown of white tulle, and carried a beautiful bouquet of pink roses.

The bridesmaids were Miss Mary Richards and Miss Joan Smith, who wore blue dresses and carried rose bouquets.

PLEA FOR PUBLICITY IN DIVORCE

JUDGE'S VIEW A DETERRENT OF MISCONDUCT

SOCIAL CRIMES

In the Divorce Court recently, before Lord Merrivale, the President, Mr. Hubert John Duggan, a son of the late Mr. Alfred Duggan, and the Marchioness Curzon, petitioned for the dissolution of his marriage with his wife, Mrs. Joan Duggan. The co-respondent cited was Mr. Anthony Jenkinson, whose address was given as The Manor, Davies Street, London. The suit was not defended.

Granting a decree nisi with costs, Lord Merrivale pointed out that Mr. Duggan was married in June last year. He was 23 and Mrs. Duggan 19. They were persons of position and breeding. He (Mr. Duggan) knew Mr. Jenkinson, who also was the son of well-to-do people. Within four months of the marriage Mr. Jenkinson had insinuated himself into the position of lover with Mrs. Duggan.

The correspondence proceeded from the beginning of October down to a time later in the year, and indeed into the new year. During all that time Mr. Jenkinson was writing those inflammatory letters to Mrs. Duggan, and was protesting his devotion to her and making all sorts of apparently insincere suggestions to her about her husband, and apparently desiring to satisfy her husband that there was an innocent intercourse whereas there was really a guilty intercourse.

"I have stated these facts," said Lord Merrivale, "because, in my judgment, it is not in the public interest that social crimes of this kind should be committed, and that the particulars of the evidence should not be made known to the people in the world in which they live. One of the deterrents of misconduct is publicity."

Mr. Birkett referred to the birth of a child on August 5, 1929, and asked permission to amend the petition in order that application could be made for the custody of that child.

His Lordship had evidence placed before him concerning the birth of the child; and Mr. Birkett, on behalf of Mr. Duggan, asked for the custody of the child.

Lord Merrivale said he would make an order for custody and would direct that the child should not be removed from the care of the mother—without her consent—without the leave of a Judge.



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TWO-YEAR-OLD LOU ABRAHAM, of Melbourne, with the Shetland pony he expertly rode at the recent Agricultural Show. Although very young the boy is an expert horseman, as are many of Australia's younger generation.



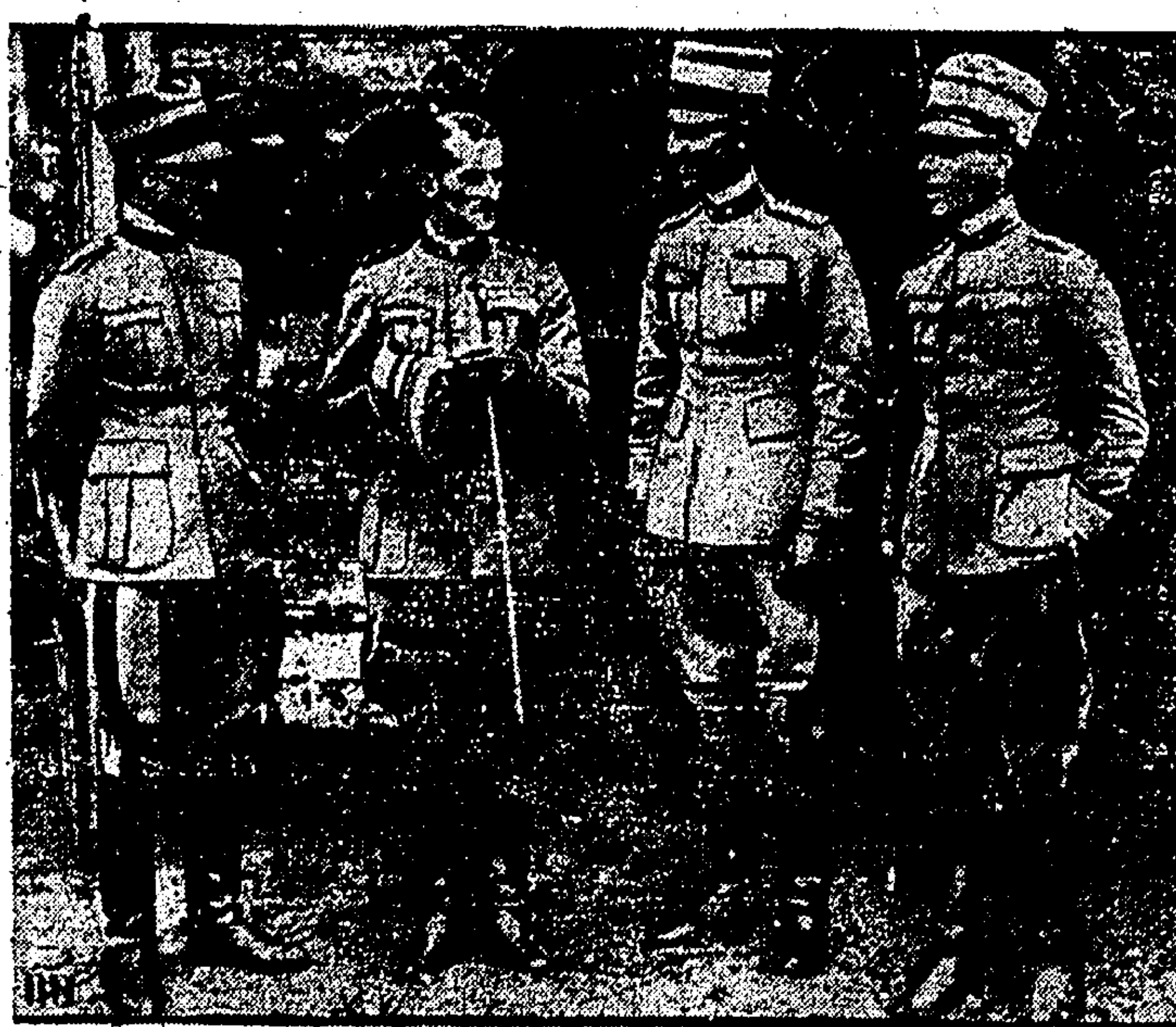
H.H. THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, who is a keen horseman, riding to hounds at a meeting of the Melton Mowbray hunt. He has just cleared a gate.



MR. STANLEY BRUCE, late Prime Minister, of Australia, who was defeated at the recent General Election.



BECAUSE CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS, was an Italian, the Kiu Kiu Klan, of Easton, Pa., has registered its disapproval of this statue of the man who discovered America. The statue, which is the work of Giuseppe Donato, (right), was to have been unveiled at the Easton High School but the Klan protested and the statue lies hidden in the school as a testimonial to the intolerance of the secret order.



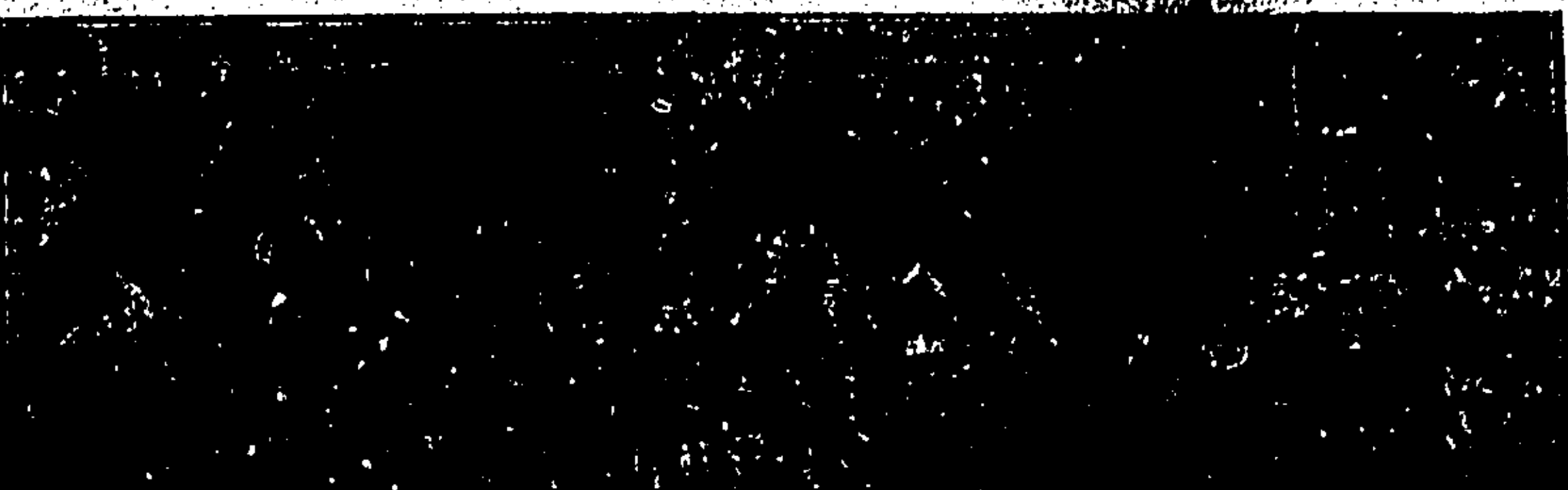
LEFT TO RIGHT are Captain T. Lequio, Captain A. Bettoni, Lieutenant Colonel F. Amalfi and Captain Lombardo Di Cumia considered the crack cavalry officers of the Italian army, who will compete in the International Horse Show in New York as Italy's entry in the jumping class.



THE GRAND DUKE Alexander, exiled Russian nobleman, who is guarded by police in his Boston, Mass., hotel due to a mysterious telephone message received by a friend, in which it was stated that an attempt would be made to kill the Grand Duke while he was in Boston.



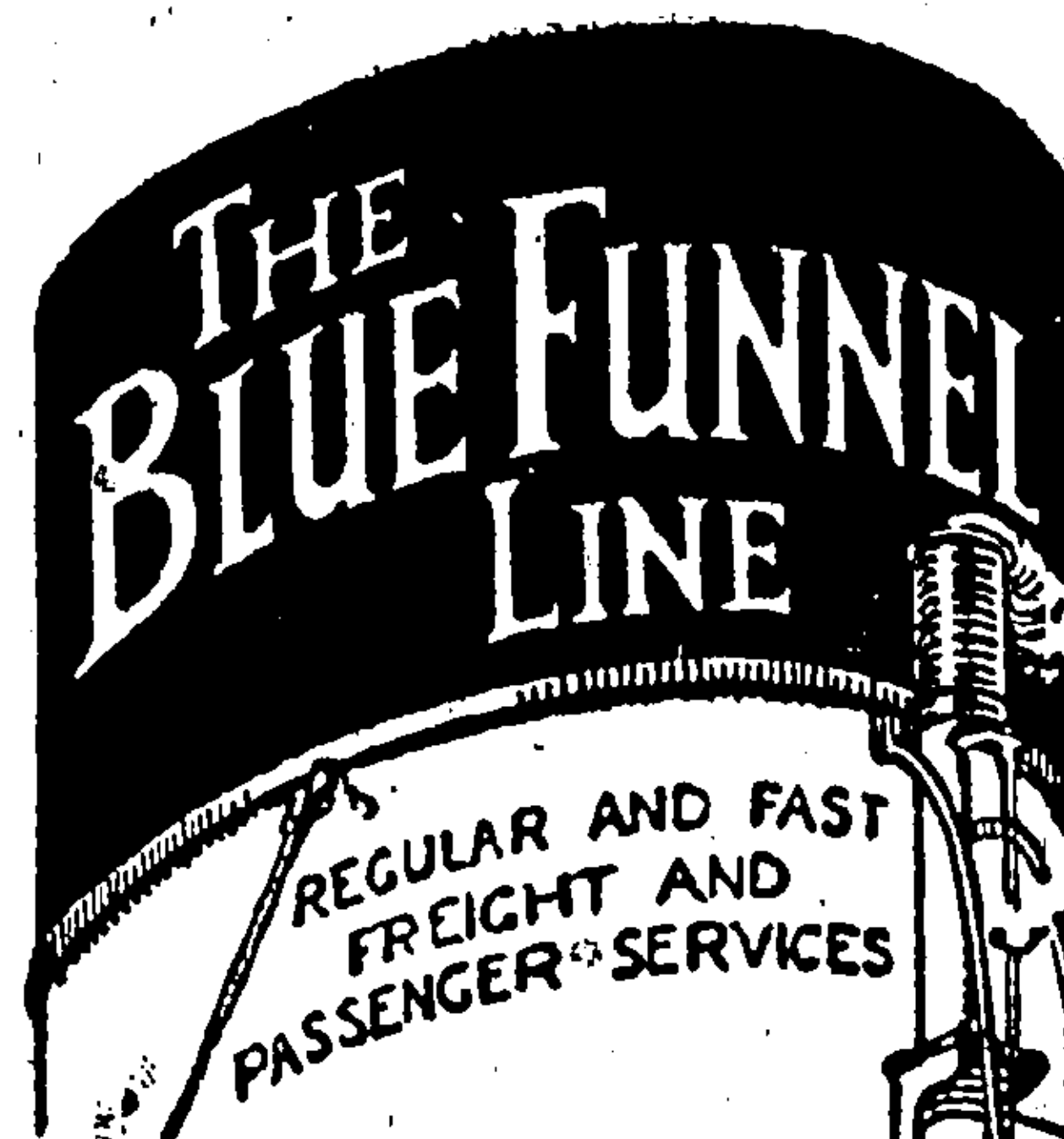
HIGH SPEEDS were maintained at the British Motor Cycle Racing Club's meeting of the season on the Brookland's Track, Weybridge, Surrey. A striking speed picture. E. C. E. (left) passing J. A. P. (L) passing P. M. Walters on a Zenith J. A. P. in the Three Hours' 'Comors' Passenger Handicap for the Lacey Silver Cup. (Sport and General).



A COURSE in the Sussex Oaks between Mr. A. Gordon Smith, (left), and Messrs. Bradley and Ellis. "Bright Event", in the South of England Country Club meeting, Brighton, Sussex. (Sport and General).



JAMES HENRY SCULLIN, Labour leader, who has been appointed Prime Minister of Australia.



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From	Per	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12
Shanghai and Amoy	Luchow
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Straits	Jeypore
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Japan	Sydney Maru
Canada (Victoria, B.C., Nov. 23), U.S.A.	
Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Asia

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For	Per	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11
Formosa	Nitto Maru 3.30 p.m.
Haiphong	New Mathilde 5 p.m.
Amoy and Japan	Talamba 5 p.m.
*Europe via Siberia	Talamba
	Registration Dec. 11, 5 p.m.
	Letters 6 p.m.
Shanghai	Achilles
	Registration Dec. 11, 5 p.m.
	Letters 6 p.m.
	
	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12
Holhow, Pakhol and Haiphong	Menado Maru 8.30 a.m.
Holhow and Bangkok	Chinhua 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Taiyuan 1.30 p.m.
Amoy and Foochow via Swatow	Hai Ning 2 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.
Manila	Empress of Asia 3.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia (except Thursday Island, Port Darwin and Cairns) and New Zealand via Brisbane	
	Sydney Maru
	(Due Brisbane, Dec. 27.)
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